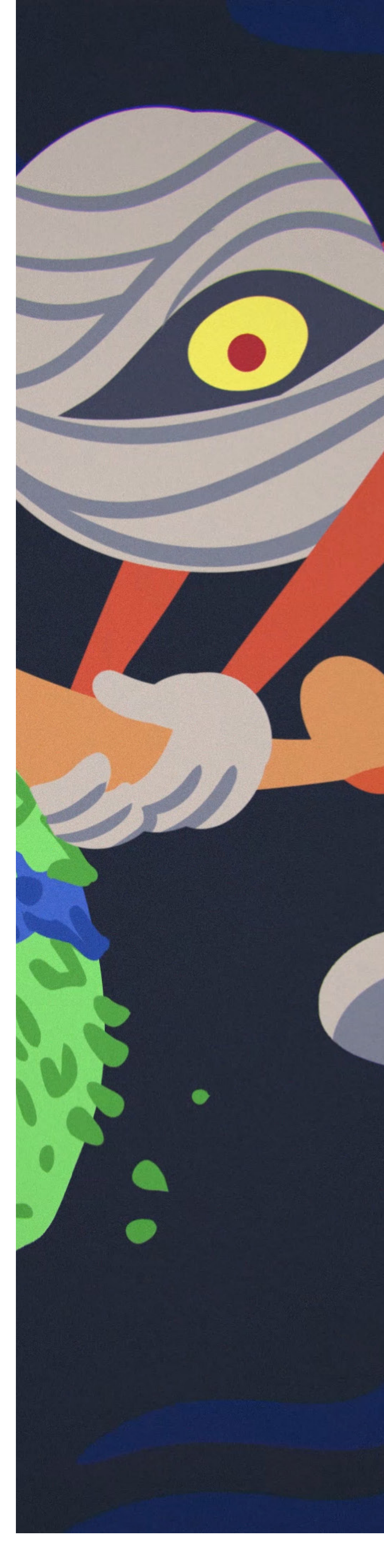








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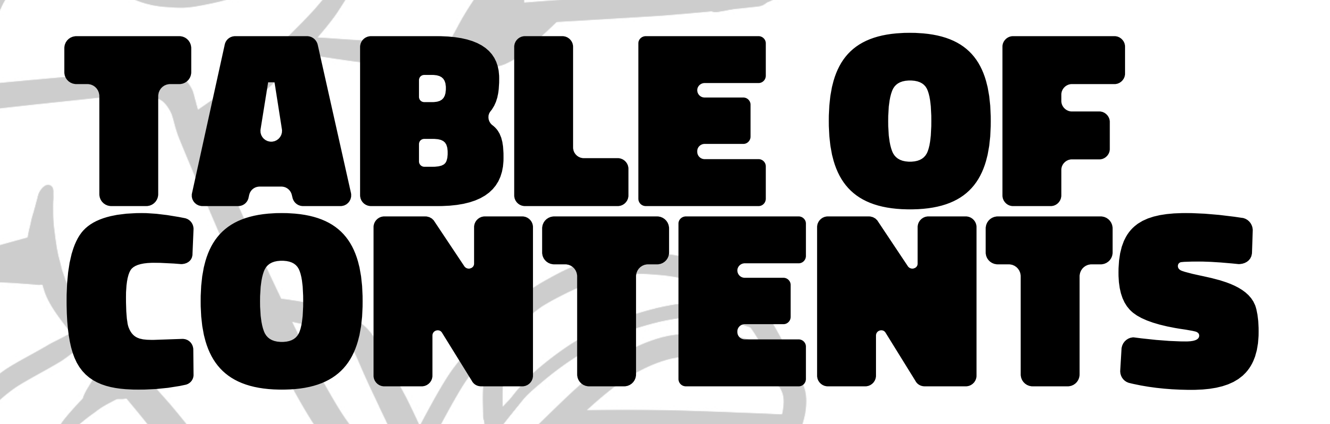
THE ART OF 2021

Thank you to all my patrons, fans,
friends and family for their support.

Thank *You* for reading this
and looking at my art.

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Don José by Christian Tournier
Now by Hanken Design Co.

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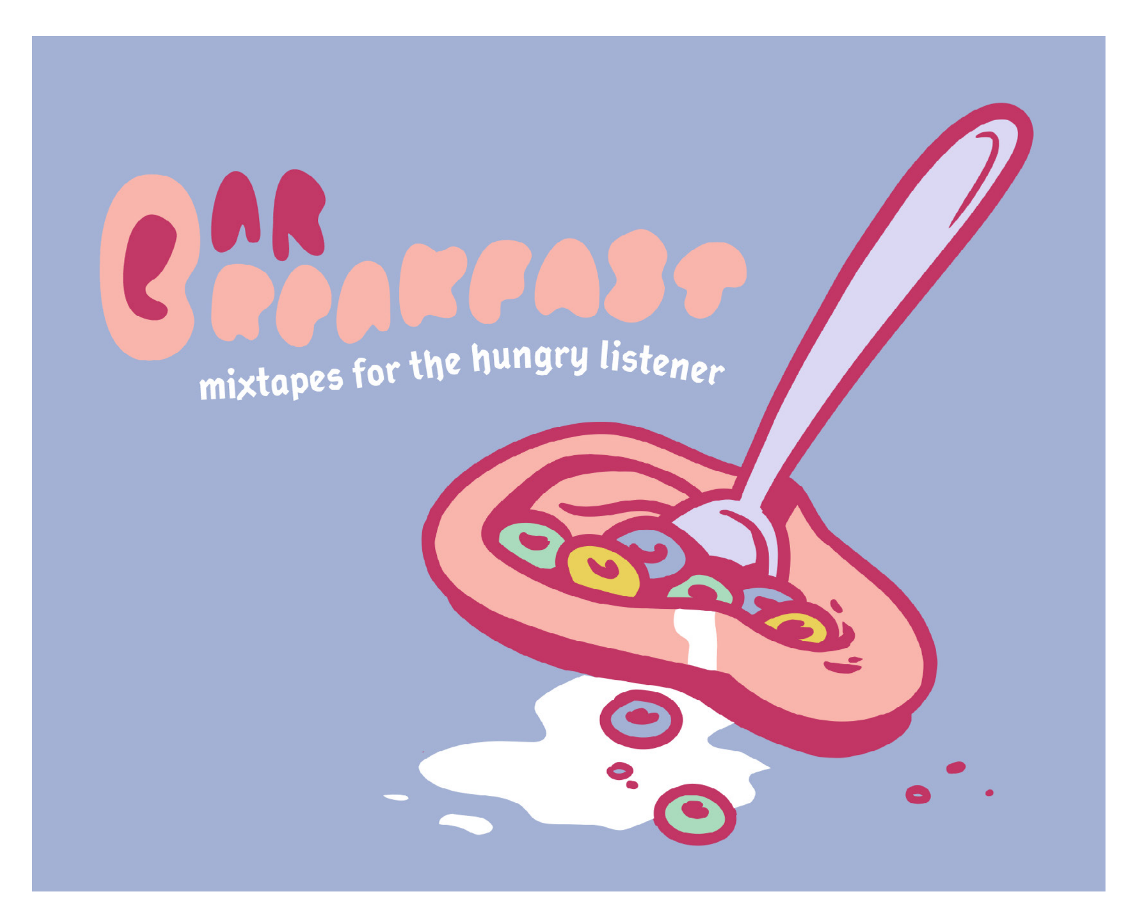
I somehow made even less
original art in 2021 than
I did in 2020. Oops.



ORIGINAL ART

January 2021

Inspired by NFTs. If you somehow got through 2021 without knowing what they are, I envy you.

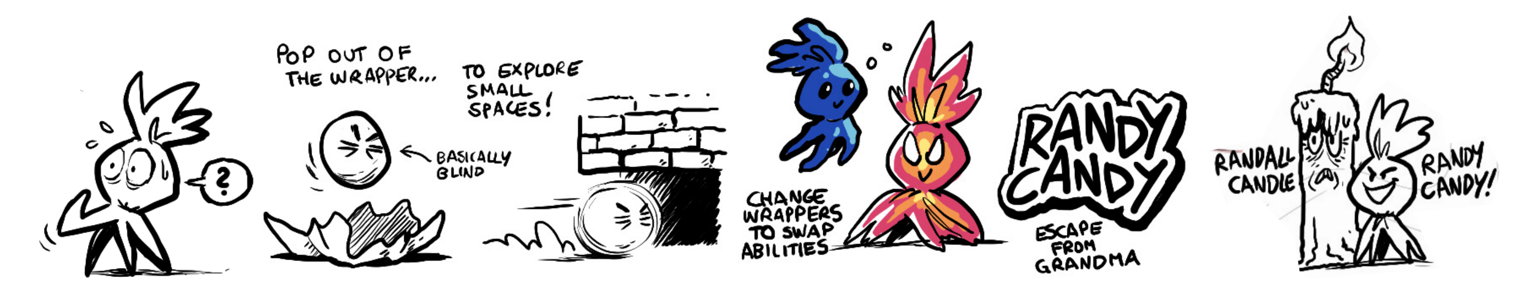


September 2021

I occasionally make mixtapes and wanted to update the look of my Mixcloud profile.

January & June 2021

An idea I have for a videogame. Maybe I'll draw more of this in 2022.

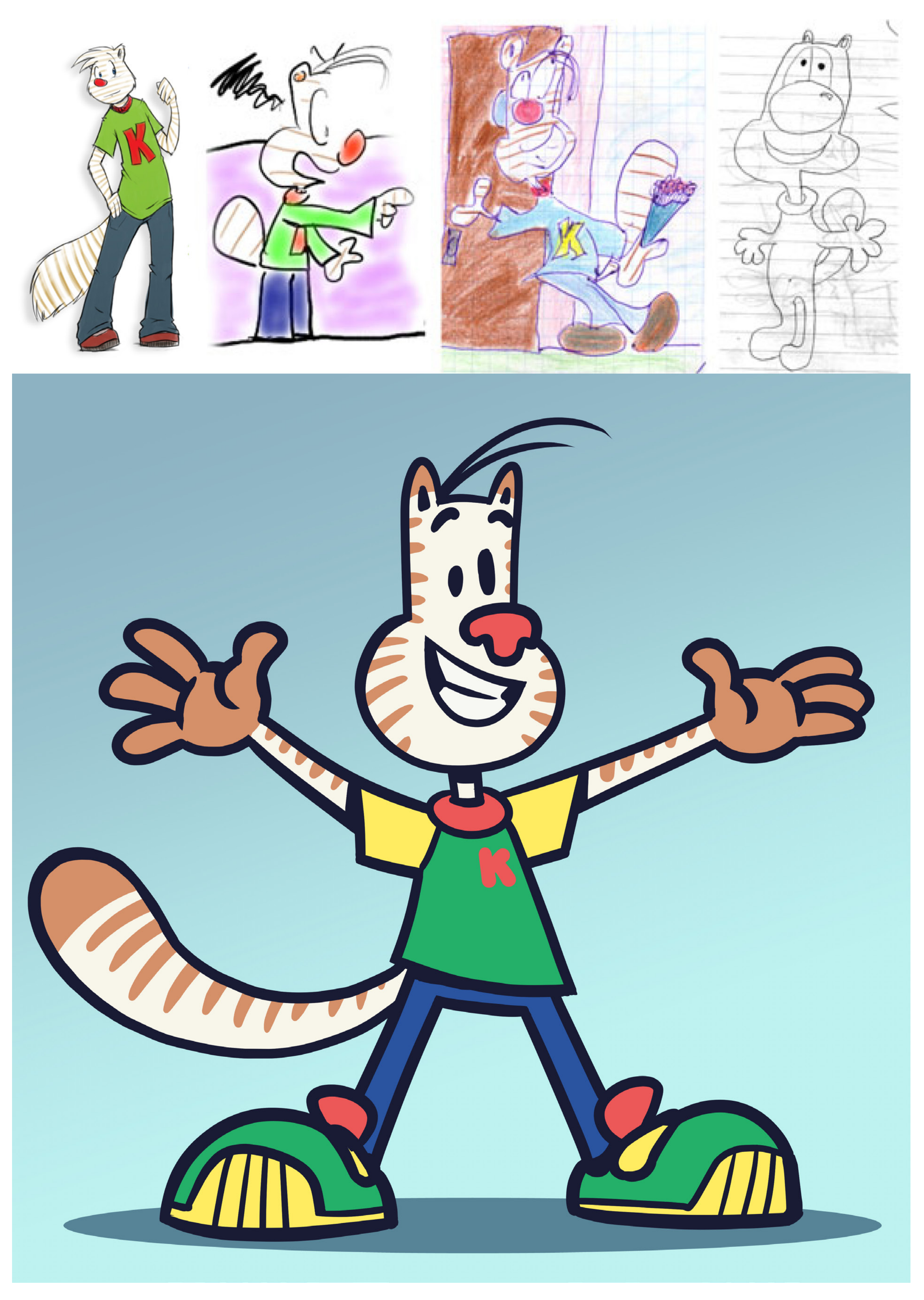




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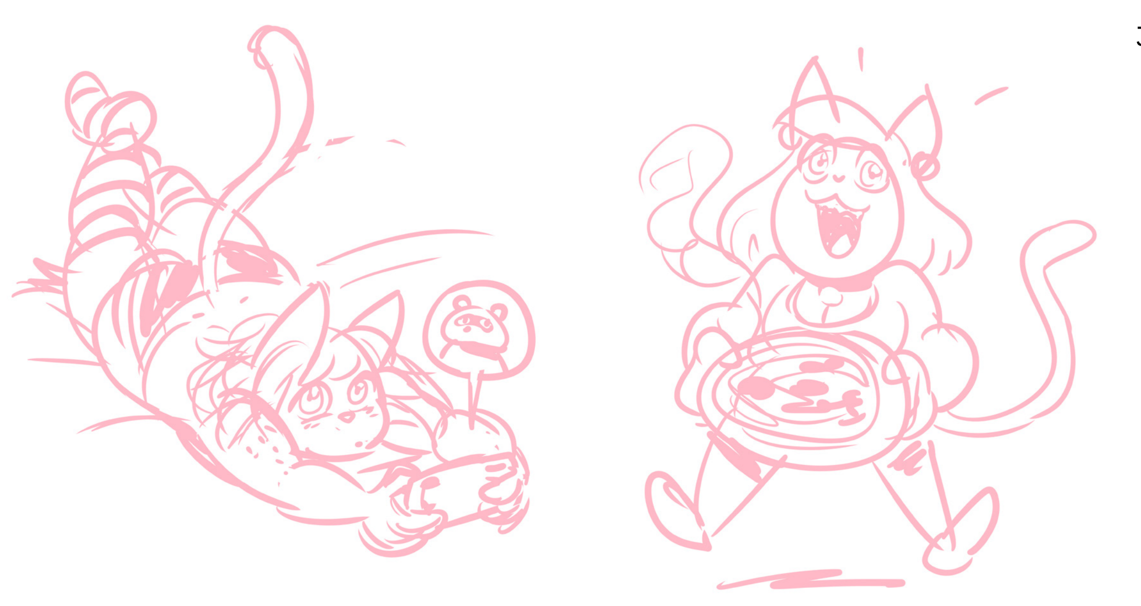


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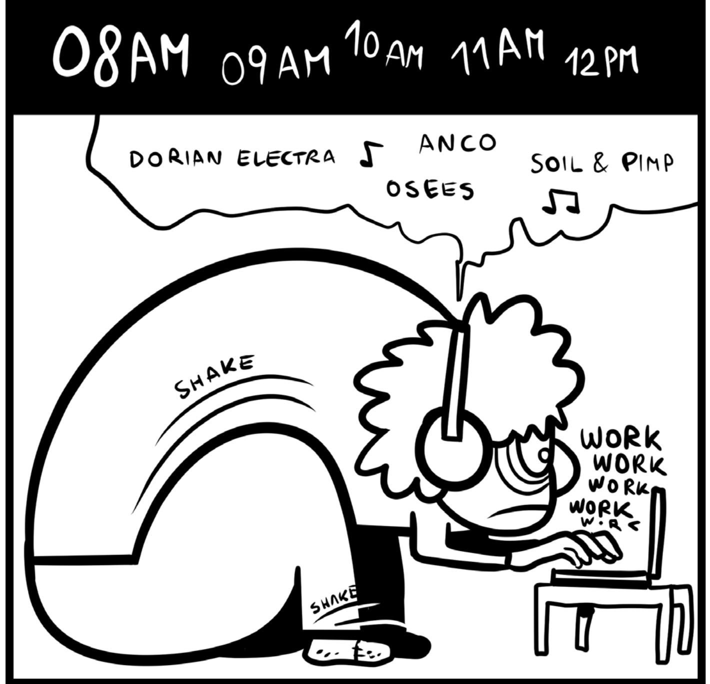
Redesigned a character from my childhood.

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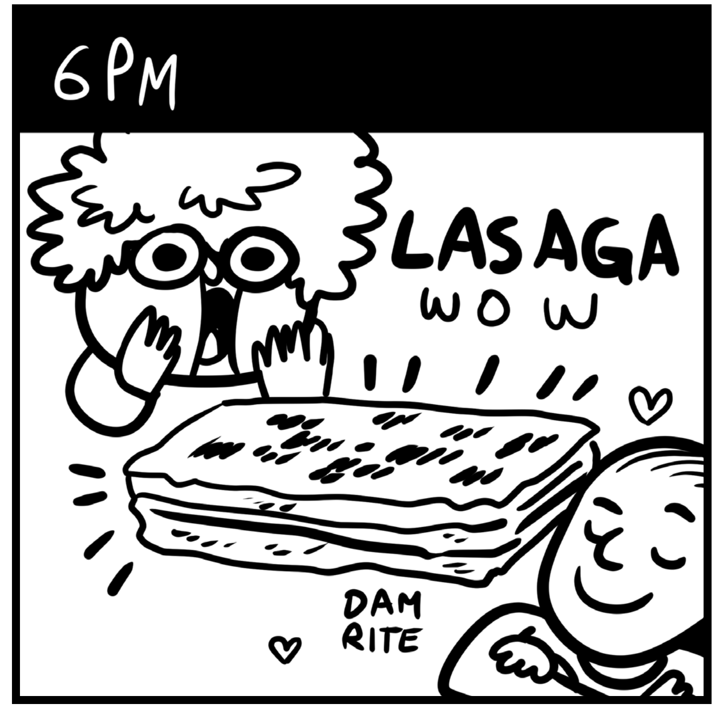



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DONT FALL BACK ASLEEP

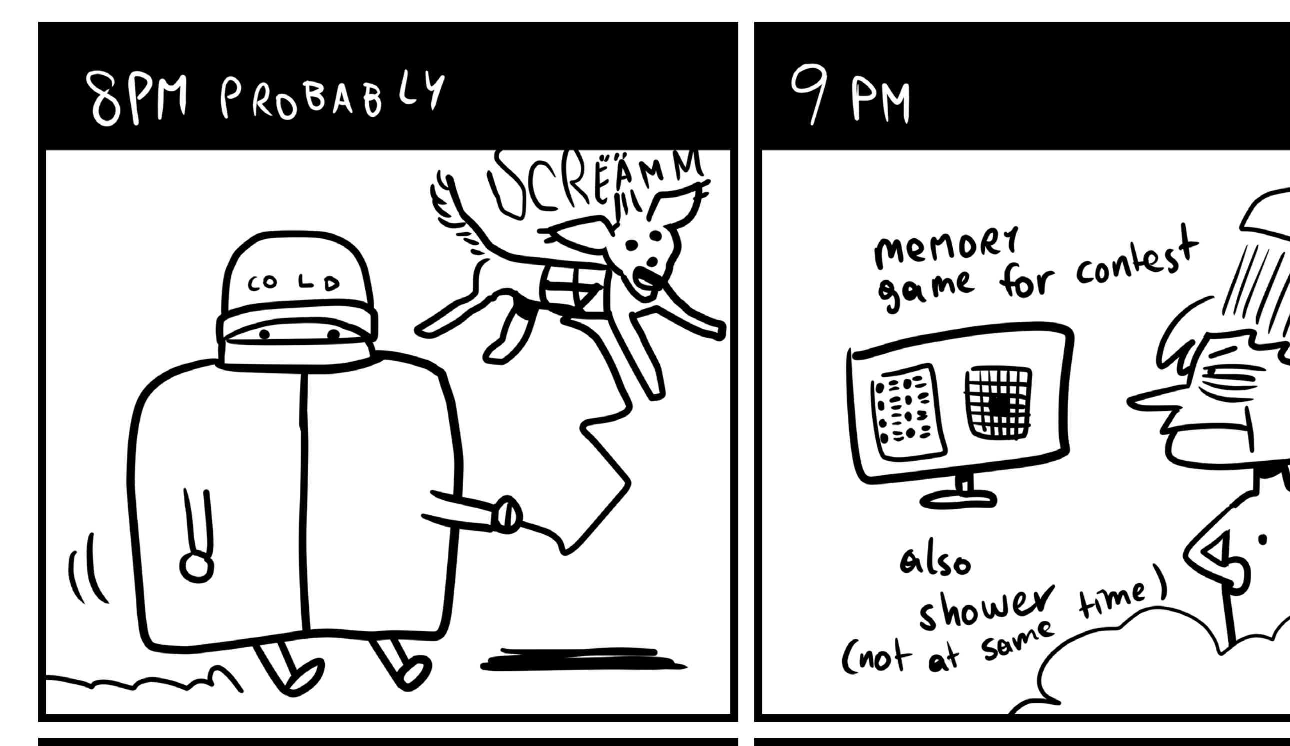

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SHAKE


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THANK 4 BEANZ BEB
THERE HE GO


2PM 3PM 4PM 5PM
WORK
WORK
WORK
WORK


6PM
LASAGA
WOW
DAM RITE


7PM
WASH LASAGA AWAY







February 2021

I finally did an Hourly Comics Day again
(except I didn't do it throughout the whole day;
only all at once at the very end).

September 2021

I finally drew an alternate ending to „Things to Think About", my 2018 Inktober series. I also hand-lettered all the narration/captions, made a mixtape and collected it all in a PDF. So that felt good, at least.

PC Game Collector Alignment Chart by @simondrawsstuff

LAWFUL GOOD

BENEVOLENT BENEFACTOR

- Kickstarts games, pre-orders games and also just straight up buys games at full price
- Doesn't have a large collection of games but has actually played the majority of it
- Also supports developers with reviews, recommendations or friendly comments

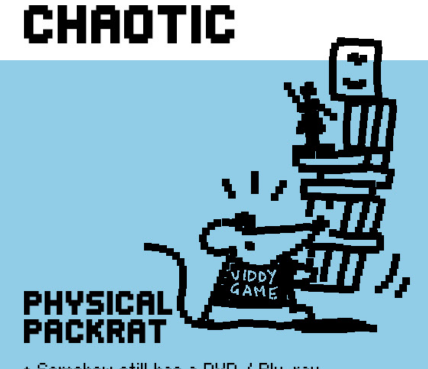
NEUTRAL GOOD



SALE SHARK

- Takes advantage of pretty much every bundle or sale they come across
- Still never manages to make a dent in their ever expanding wishlist
- Has set up multiple price notifications on gg.deals

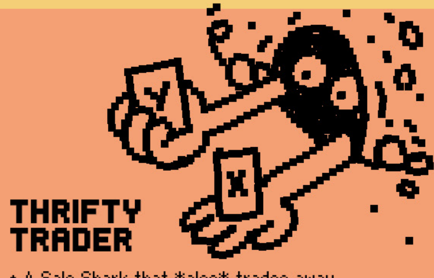
CHAOTIC GOOD



PHYSICAL PACKRAT

- Somehow still has a DVD / Blu-ray drive in their PC and uses it regularly
- Buys any Collector's Edition out of principle, as well as tons of game merch
- Probably runs Linux on their self-built PC

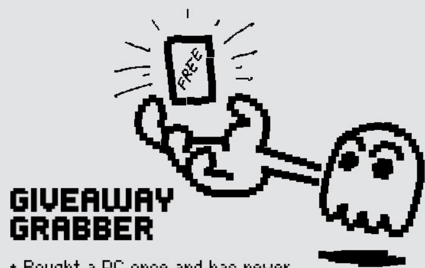
LAWFUL NEUTRAL



THRIFTY TRADER

- A Sale Shark that *also* trades away every bundle game they don't want
- Grandfathered into Humble Choice Classic, do not offer them games from there
- Spends more time on barter.vg than actually playing games from their constantly growing backlog

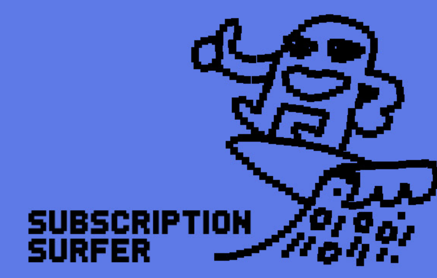
TRUE NEUTRAL



GIVEAWAY GRABBER

- Bought a PC once and has never again spent money since then
- Subsists entirely on store giveaways, gifts from their friends, contests or raffles, game demos and free/f2p games
- Impervious to marketing hype

CHAOTIC NEUTRAL



SUBSCRIPTION SURFER

- If it's not on Game Pass for PC or EA Play, it doesn't exist
- Lives in the moment, open for whatever (in gaming and probably also their love life)
- Thinks ownership of things is an antiquated concept

LAWFUL EVIL



VIDEOGAME VILLAIN

- Has convinced themselves that buying from gray market sites is better than piracy
- Takes advantage of pricing bugs, as well as regional pricing through VPNs
- Plays games on Steam for two hours, then refunds them and leaves a bad review

NEUTRAL EVIL



PERSISTENT PIRATE

- Bought more hard drives than games
- Tastes the forbidden fruit of console games through emulators
- Occasionally buys a select few games they deem worthy of their support in an effort to quiet their conscience

CHAOTIC EVIL



SOURCE SUCKER

- Gets their games for free, straight from developers
- Either a Streamer, Press Reviewer, Steam Curator, Beta Tester or something similar
- Has games in their collection that 99% of people have never heard of

December 2021

This is extremely niche content about collecting PC games, I apologize for including this in here.



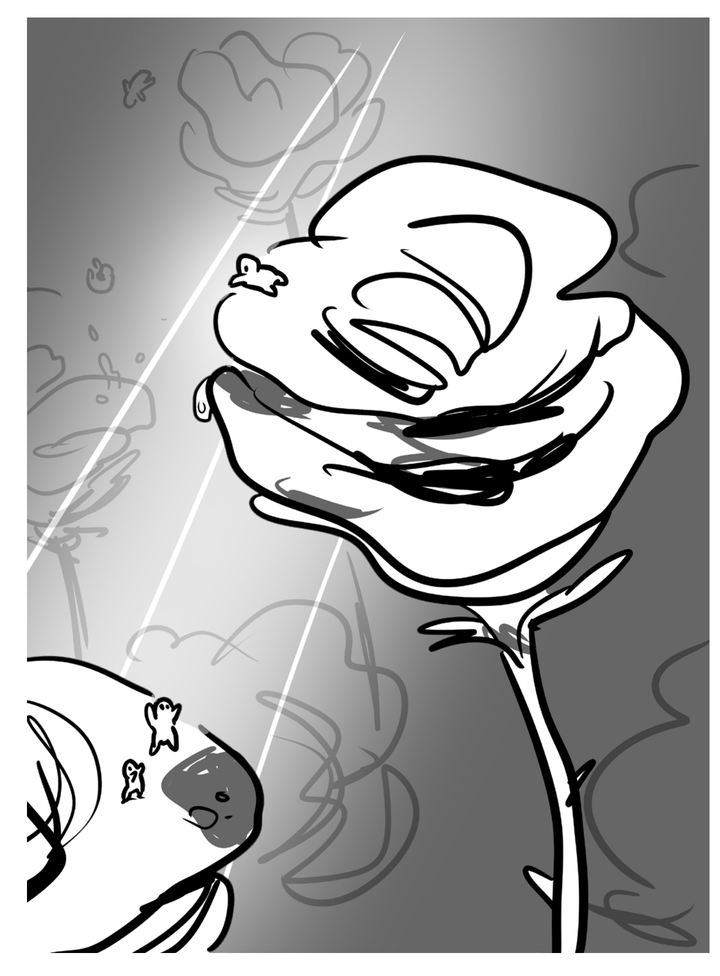
June 2021



DRAW WOLF FACE



DRAW WOLF FACE



June 2021

Had this idea for a contest piece. Just some very little dudes on flowers. Didn't feel worth pursuing though.

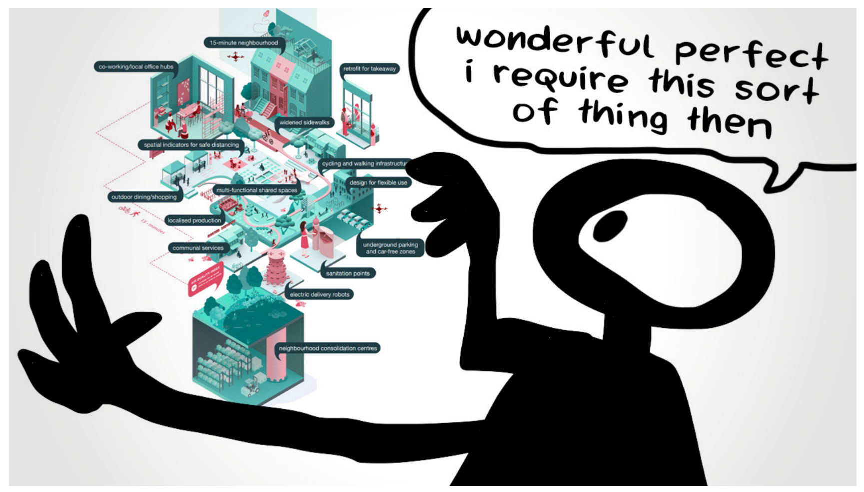




gremlin child







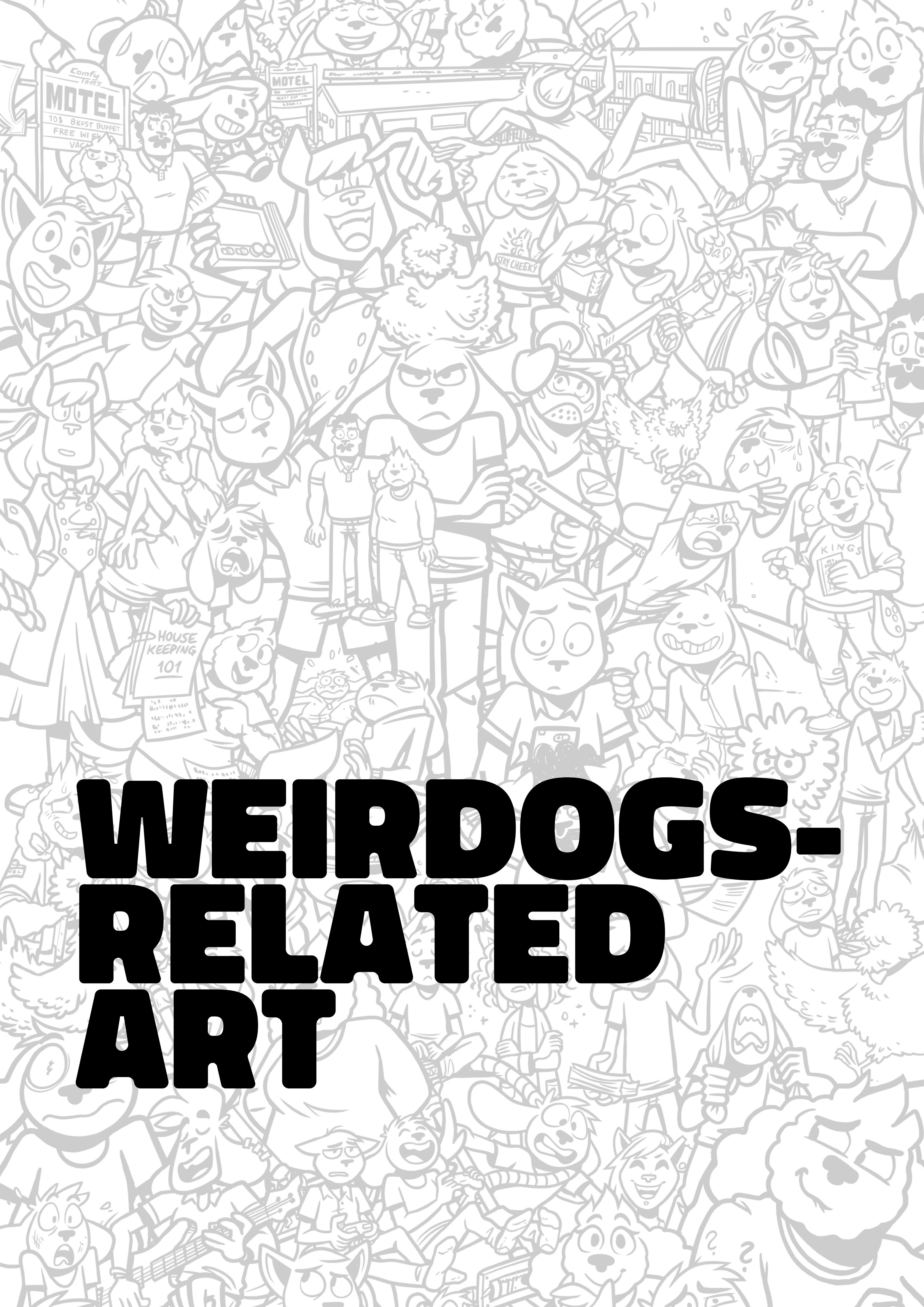


May 2021

This is foreshadowing for page 104.

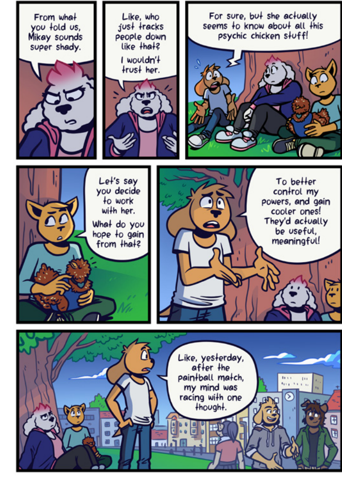
I finished one more chapter of the comic this year.
Could've been more, but it had some dope panels,
so there's that at least.

As the comic is my most involved project, I don't want it to
overshadow the other work featured in this artbook.
Therefore, I'm only including an overview of the pages I've
completed in this year rather than reproducing them fully.
Stand-alone strips are exempt from this, however.



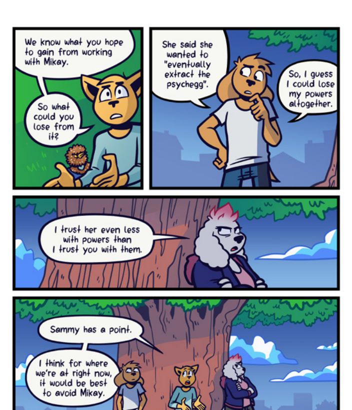
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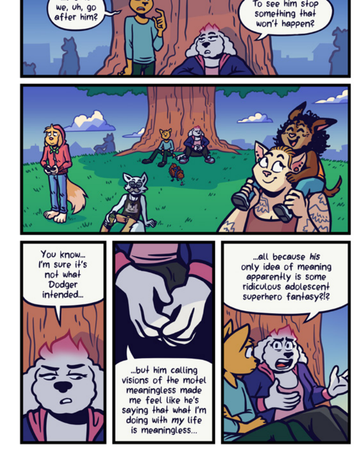




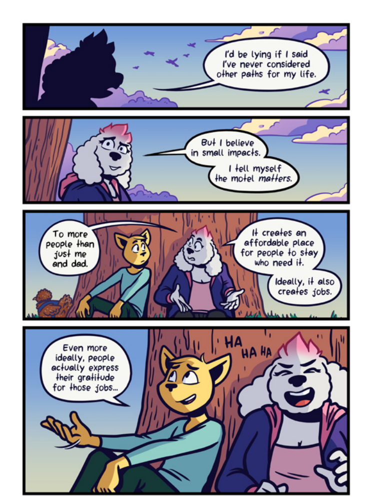






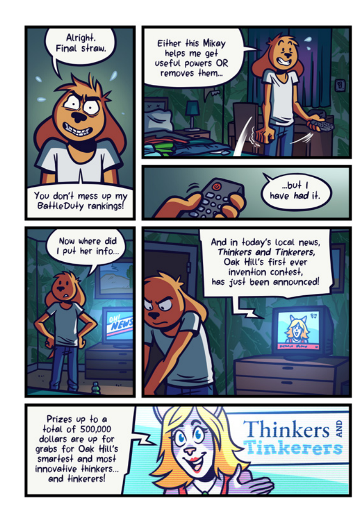


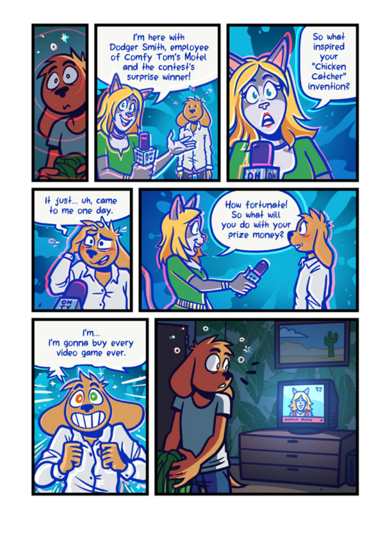




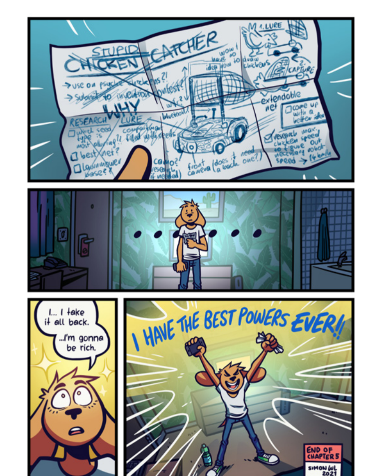








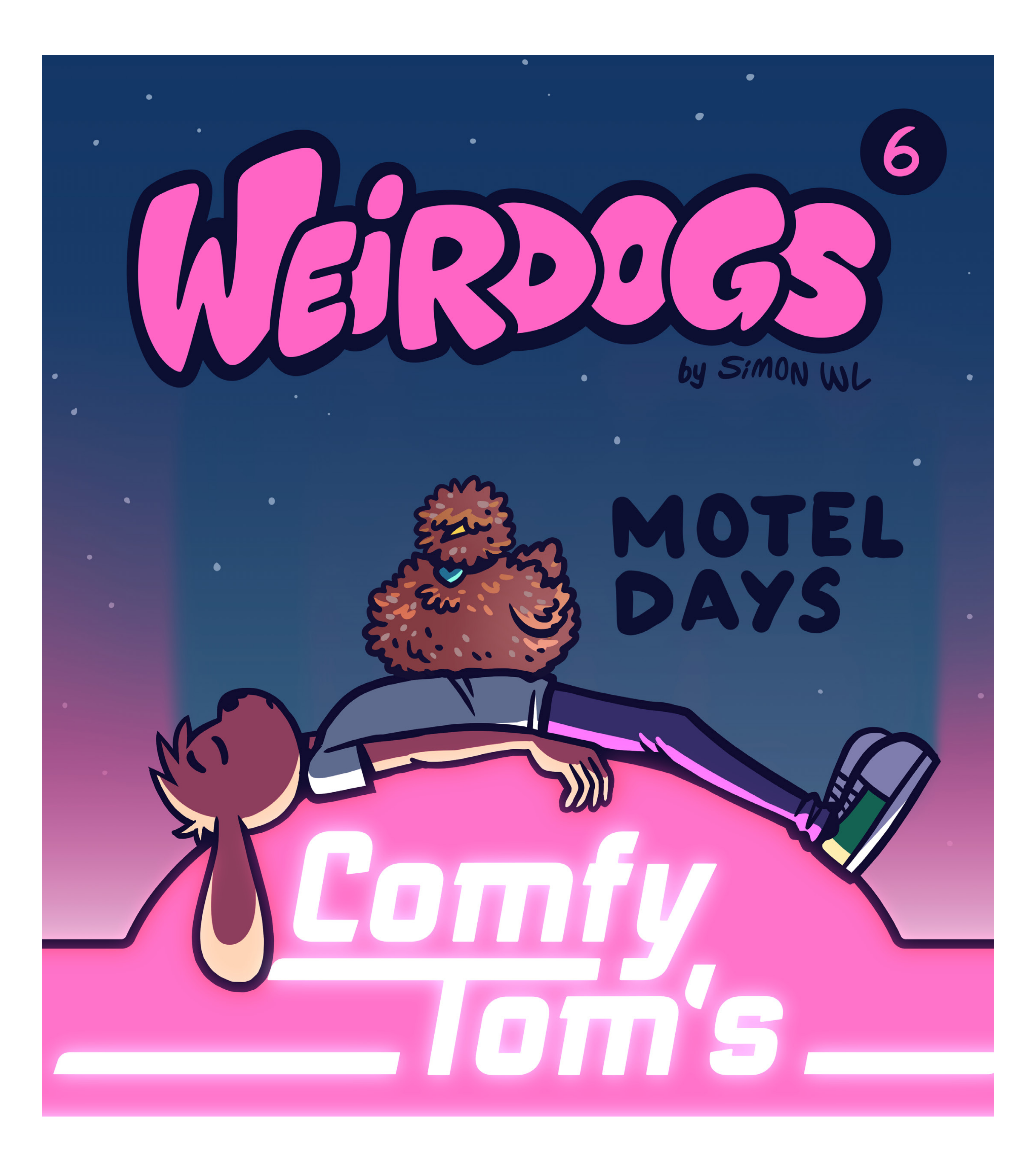




August 2020 – October 2021


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WEIRDOGS
by SIMON WL
EGGS & PSYCHICS


WEiRDOGS
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by SiMON WL
MOTEL
RISE of the CHICKEN CATCHER



MOTEL

Welcome to
OAK HILL
„Everybody's gotta be from somewhere!"
NEWS AND MORE!
WIN!



Highlighting these panels because they took a long time to do. Was it worth it? If you like 'em I guess it was!

Is that really the character you're gonna go with?

What's wrong with him?

CUSTOMIZE AVATAR

FUR

EYES

HAIR TYPE

Type 1

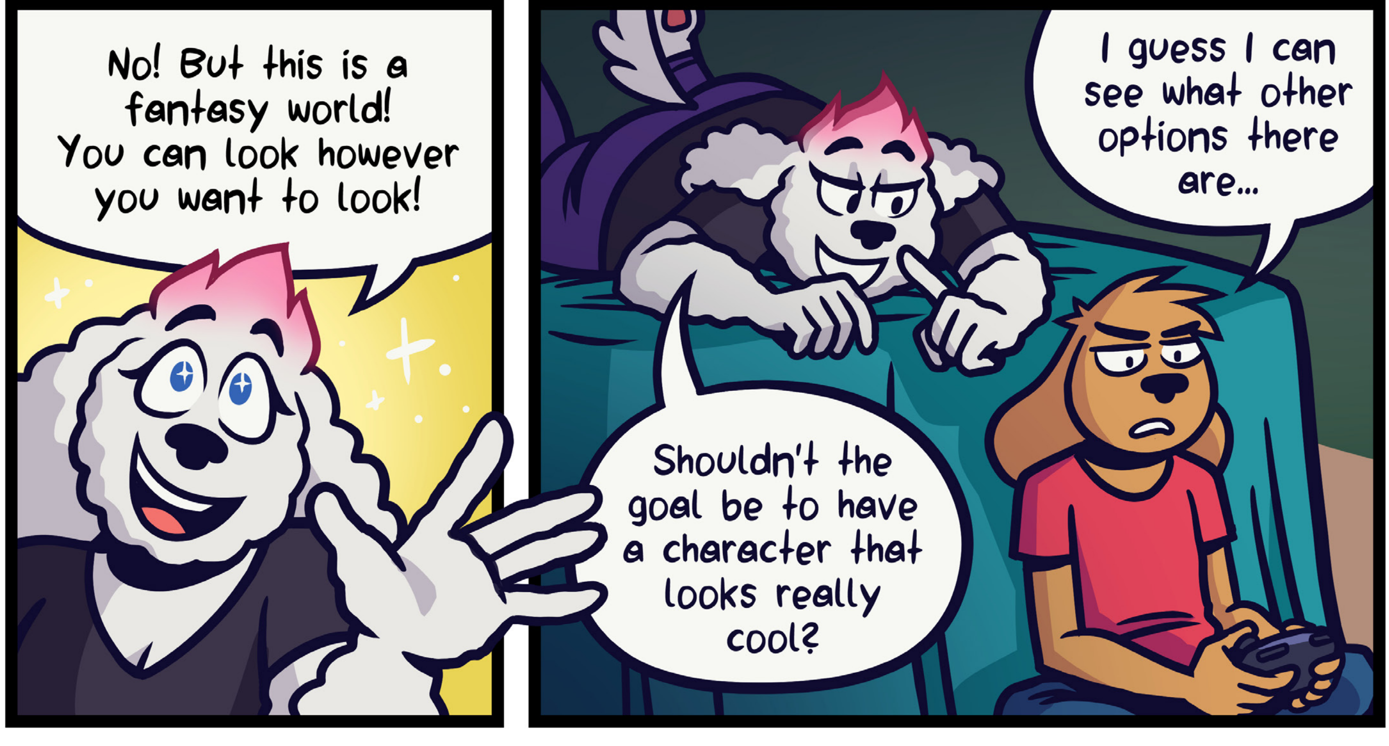
EARS

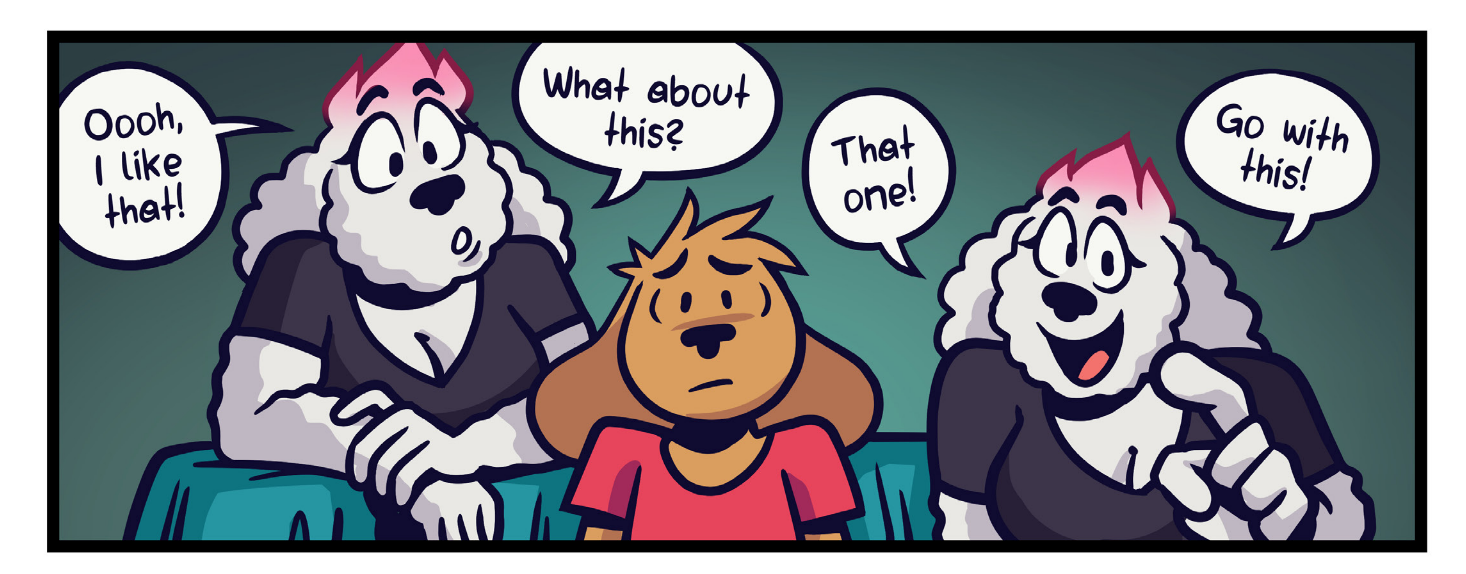
Type 2

HEIGHT

Well... he definitely reminds me of you.

...and that's... bad?











July–November 2021

A collab with Pixie Press. We wrote the strip together and he drew the game screenshots.

July 2021



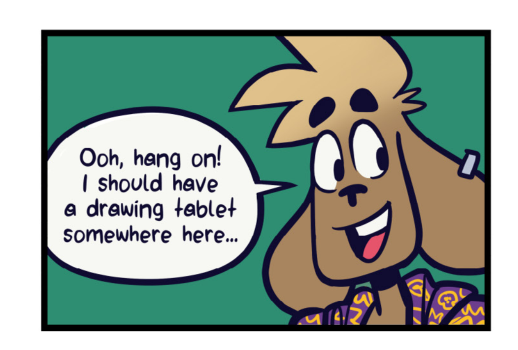
...AND NOW, WITHOUT FURTHER ADO:
WEIRDOGS
CHARACTERS DRAWING THEMSELVES



Uhh... why?
It's for a meme. Just, like, do it. Please?



Ha! I haven't drawn anything in ages.
Let me see if I remember...



Ooh, hang on! I should have a drawing tablet somewhere here...



Fine, here.





I taught myself how to draw anime in high school, hahaha!

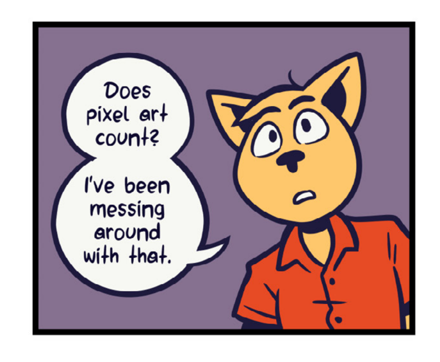


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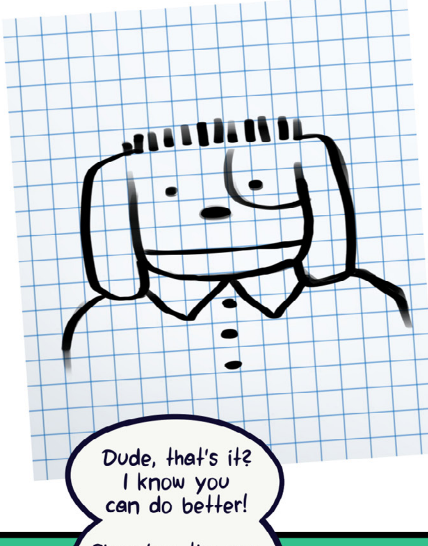


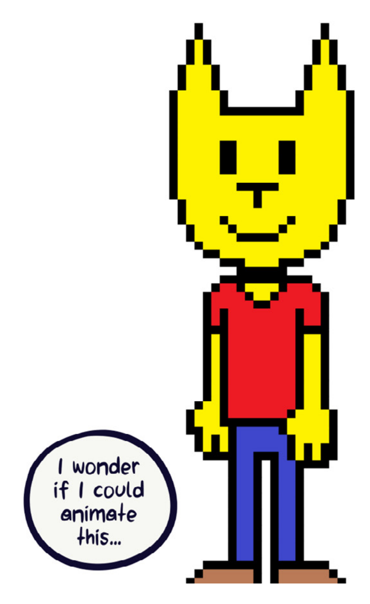
I'm REALLY happy with how it came out!


Uh... Sure? Okay.

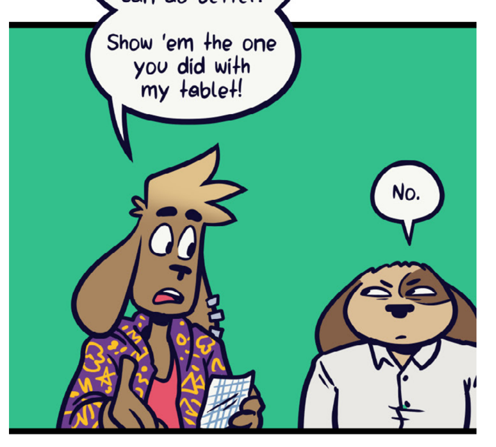

Does pixel art count?
I've been messing around with that.

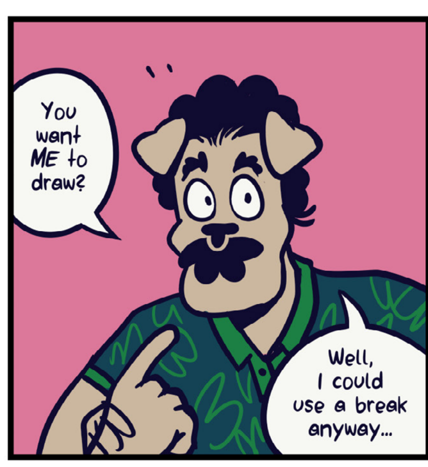

Well, you're in luck. While I'm no artist by trade, the groundwork to any functional invention is a thorough sketch, so I do know what I'm doing.

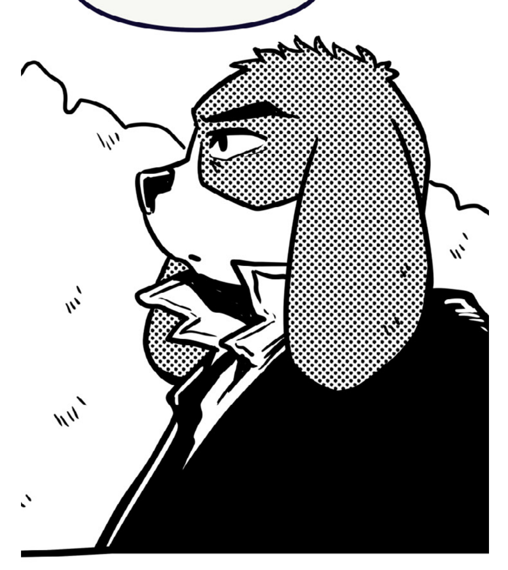



I wonder if I could animate this...


JAY MIKAY
That'll be 30 dollars.


Dude, that's it? I know you can do better!
Show 'em the one you did with my tablet!
No.


You want ME to draw?
Well, I could use a break anyway...


Pssst. You're welcome. I think he traced this but I still like it.
Don't let him know.


...should've stopped after I drew the face, heh.

March 2021

I made three t-shirt designs this year. The above illustration was intended as promo art for one of them.

You can get the shirts here, if you'd like: simonwl.threadless.com









READWEIRDOGS
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I DON'T WANNA!

Draw a Date!

an art game by @simondrawsstuff (template v.1.2)



Dodger

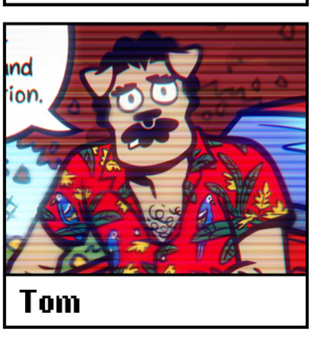


Sammy





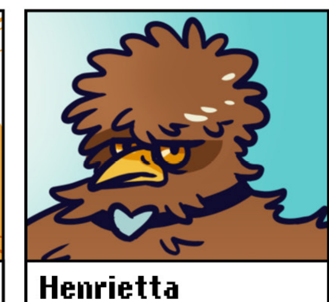
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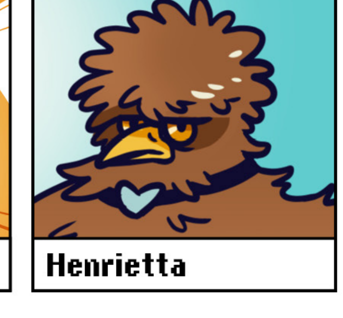


Tom



Mikay





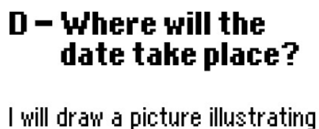
Henrietta

Let's take one of these lucky folks out on a date! Leave a comment and answer these four questions:

A – Which character will we take on the date?

B – What outfit will the character wear?

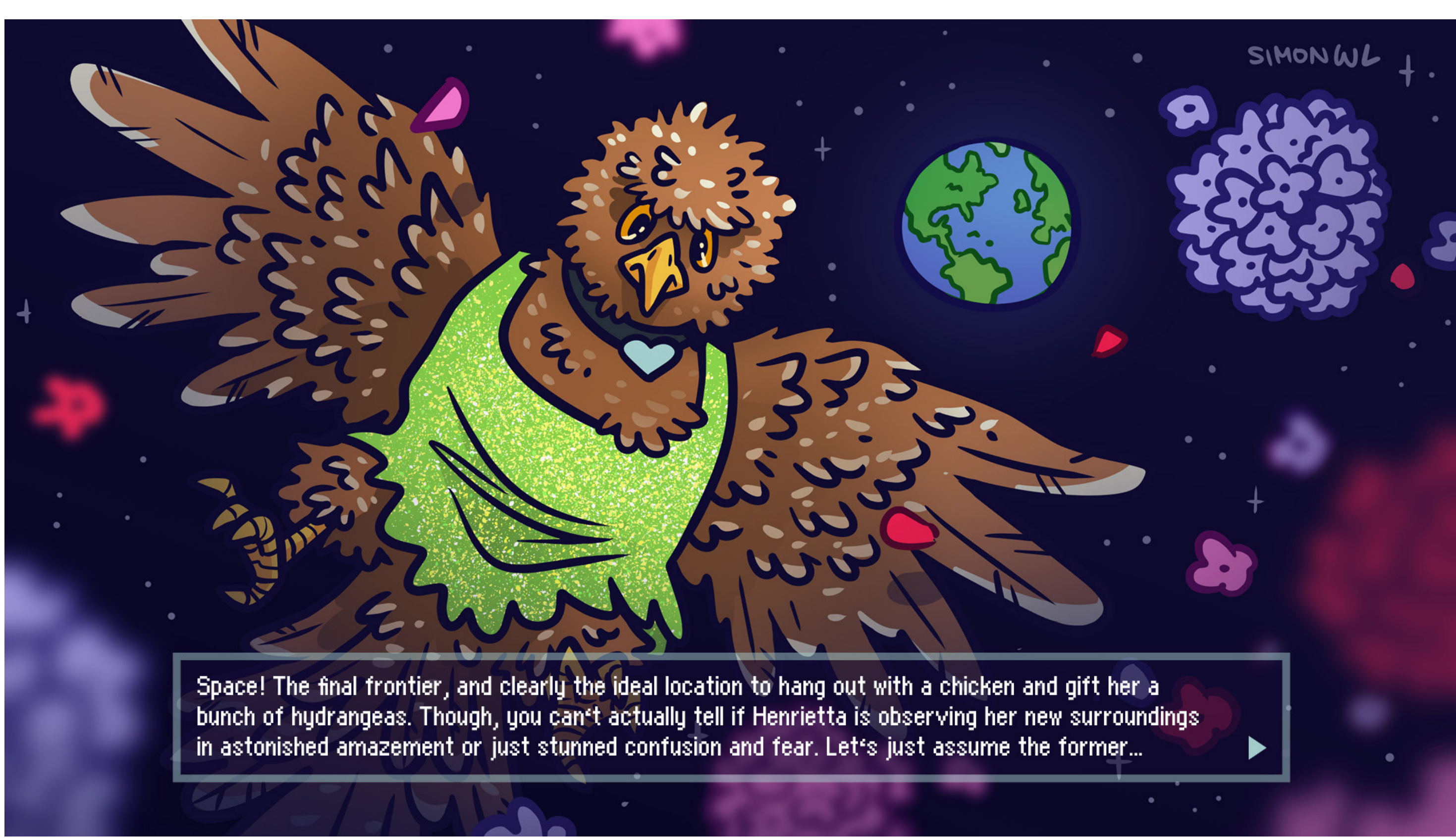
C – What gift will we give the character?



D – Where will the date take place?

I will draw a picture illustrating how the date turns out based on

- [ ] my favorite comments!
- [x] randomly picked comments!
- [ ] the order of comments (e.g. first comment picked for A, second comment picked for B...)!



March 2021

I tried making an art meme/game that I thought was fun. I think two other people gave it a shot. And the result for my own execution of it was weird, but I tried to do the best with the prompts I got (Henrietta, with a fancy dress, being given a huge bundle of hydrangeas, in SPAAAAACE).

Sometimes things just don't work out and that's okay.

I drew this back in 2020 but didn't include it in the 2020 Art Book. Oops. It's another game idea I had. I have a few. Maybe I'll make a zine/book that collects all my ideas in 2022. No promises. I want to. But no promises.

Now this I DID draw in 2021.



March 2021

I did this for a little animation experiment.

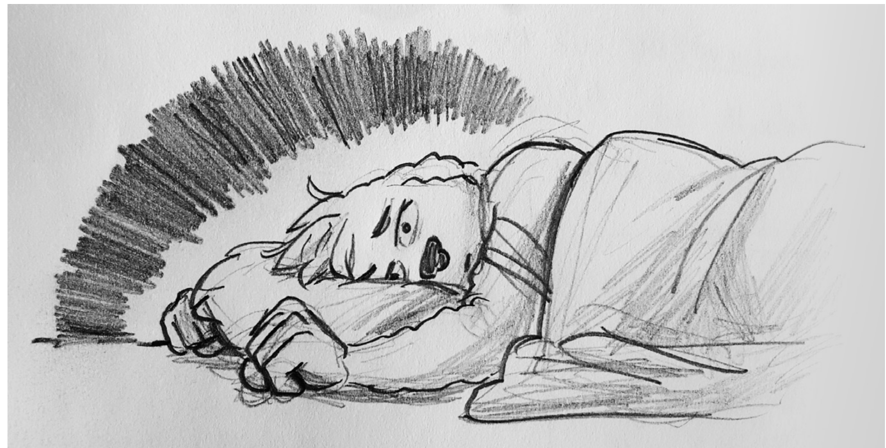
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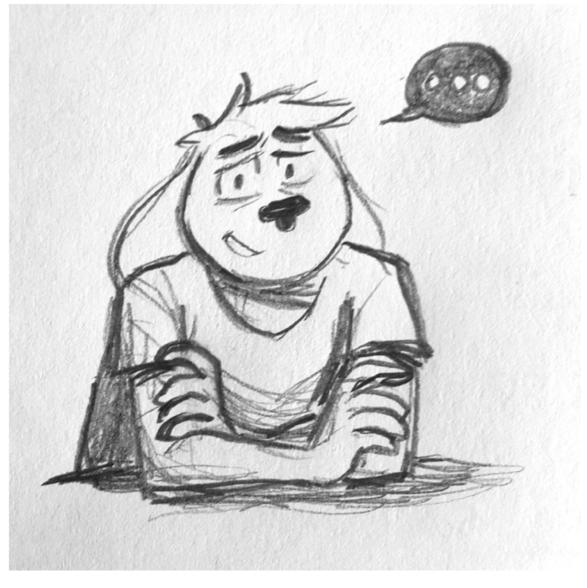
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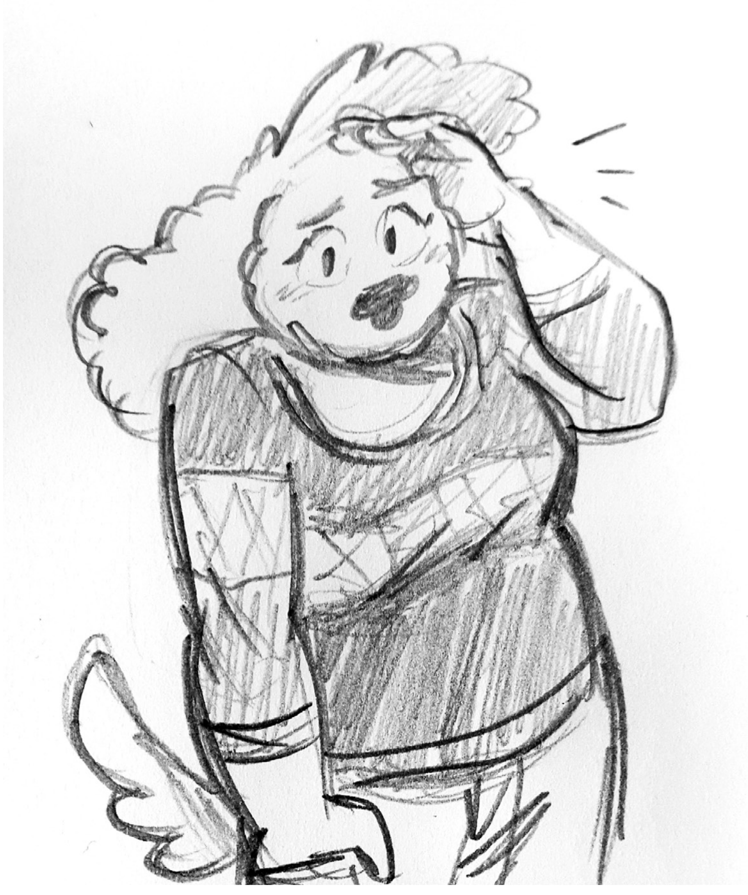
Doodles for a contest promoting some awesome comics, as well as the Weirdogs merch.














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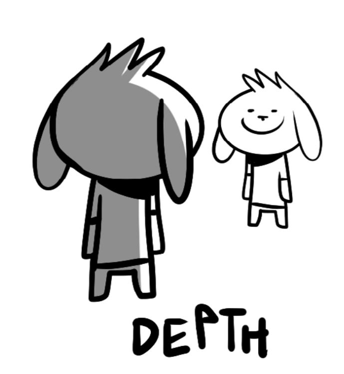


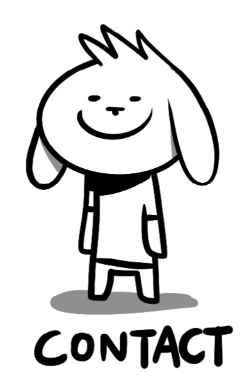


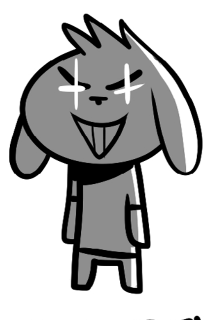
Hey remember NFTs?
If you didn't know what they are, this is what they are like.
You might understand my distaste.






DEPTH

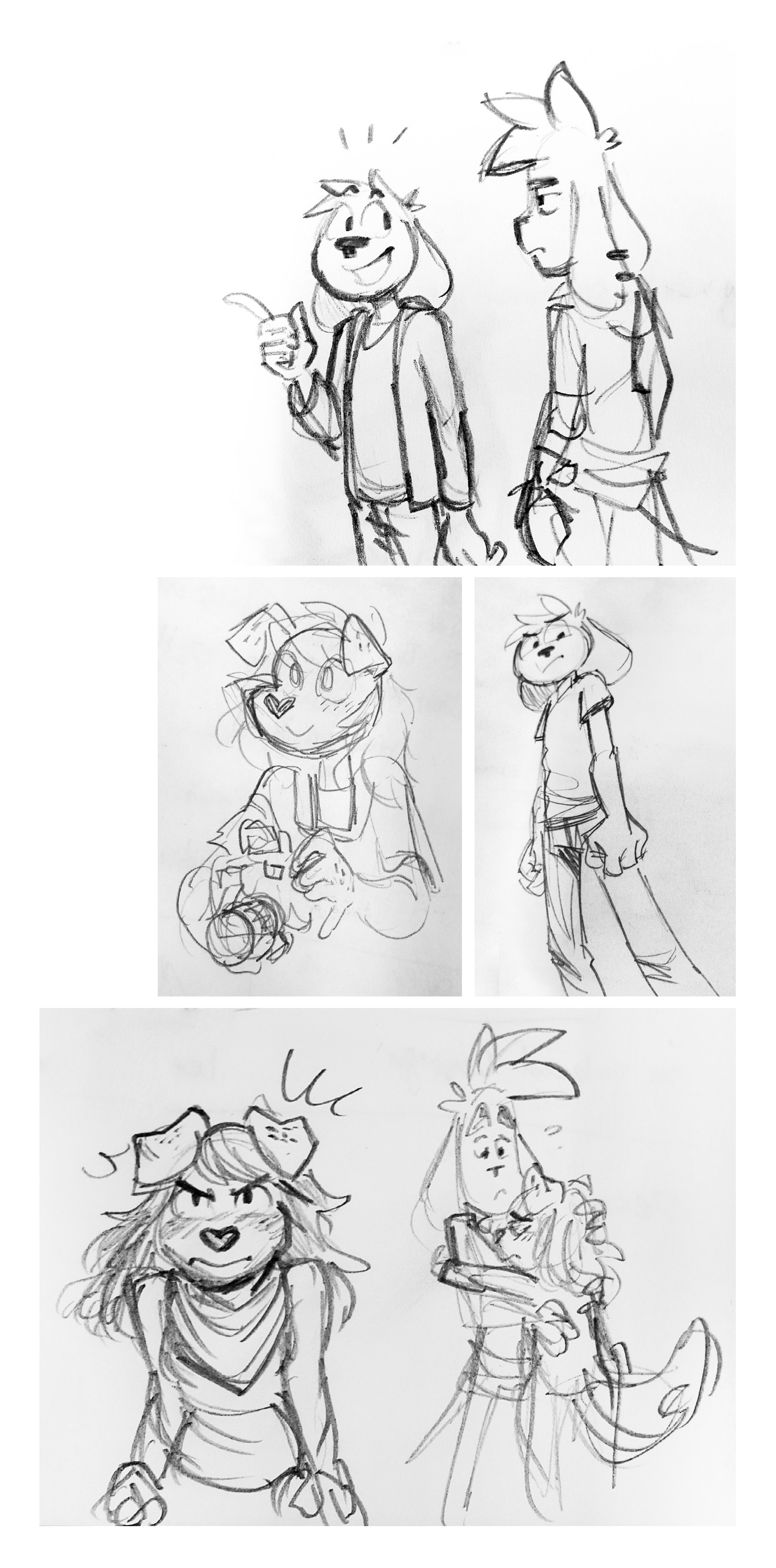

CONTACT


INTENSITY


SPECIFIC
LIGHTING

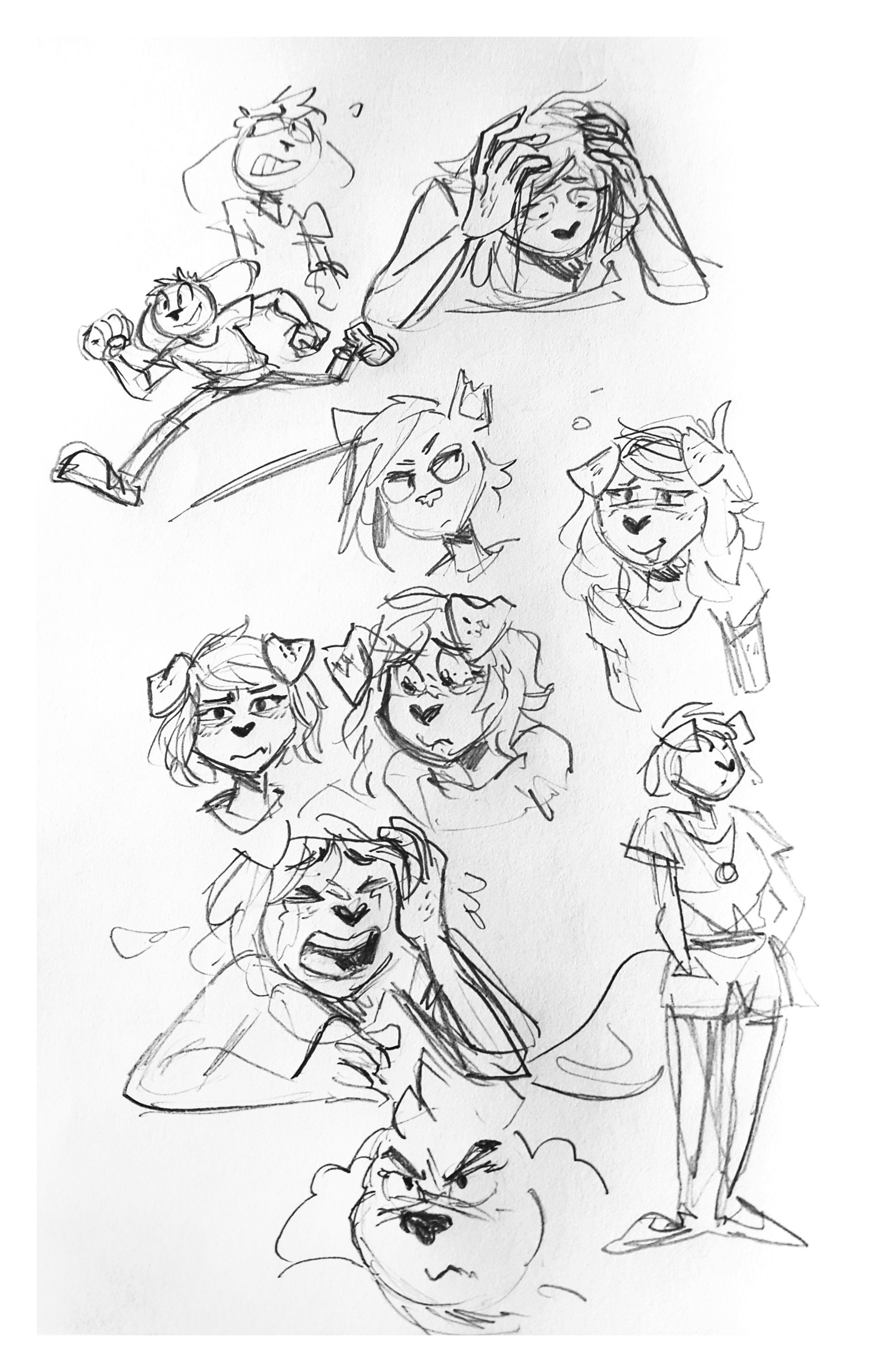



Thanks for the sub, PlungrMastr42!
MTN DEW
SUS




YOU'RE SUCH A HIPSTER


NOVA







CRK
Sammy
WHY
Stinky Tom's
FART

Once again, one of my consistent excuses for making art were my Monthly Sketch Request Streams. Some of these were turned into full commissions or colored sketches thanks to the generosity of the people who requested the respective drawings.



SKETCH REQUESTS


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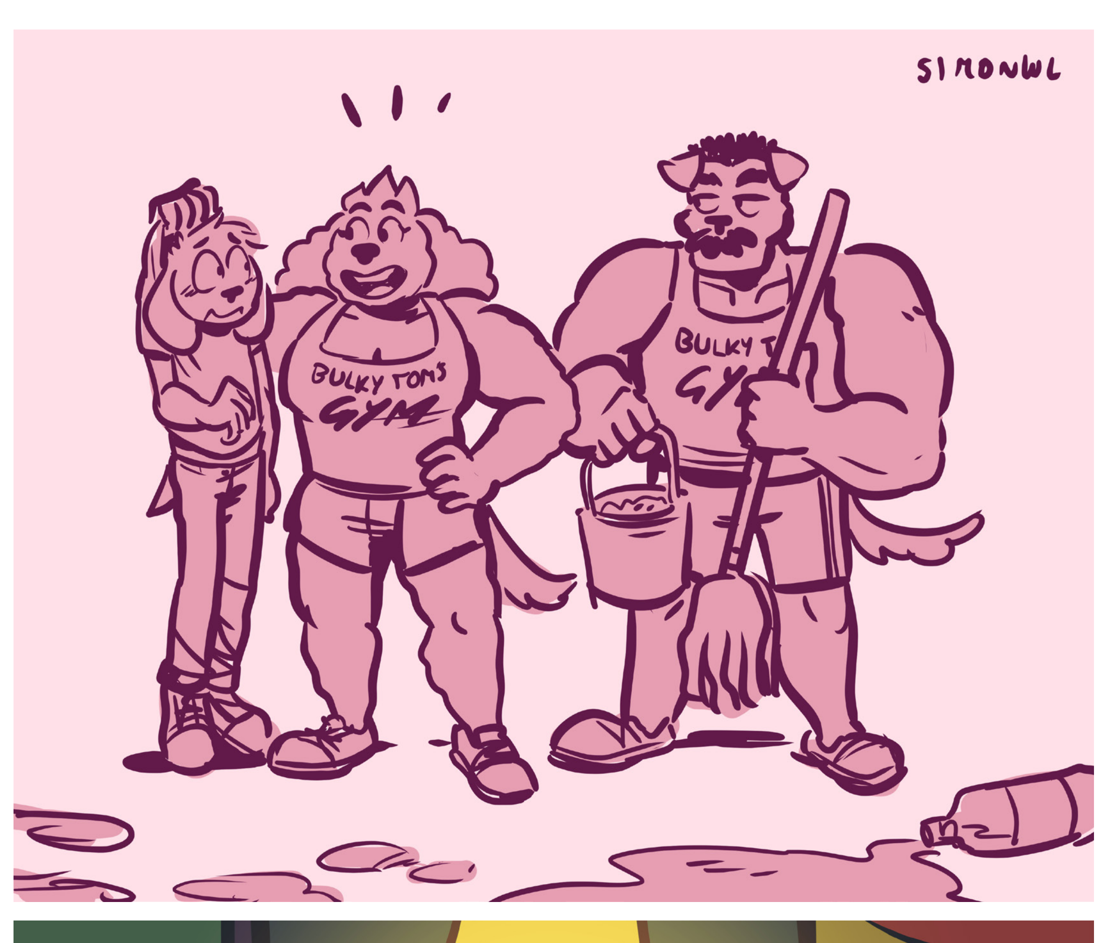
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PANTONE

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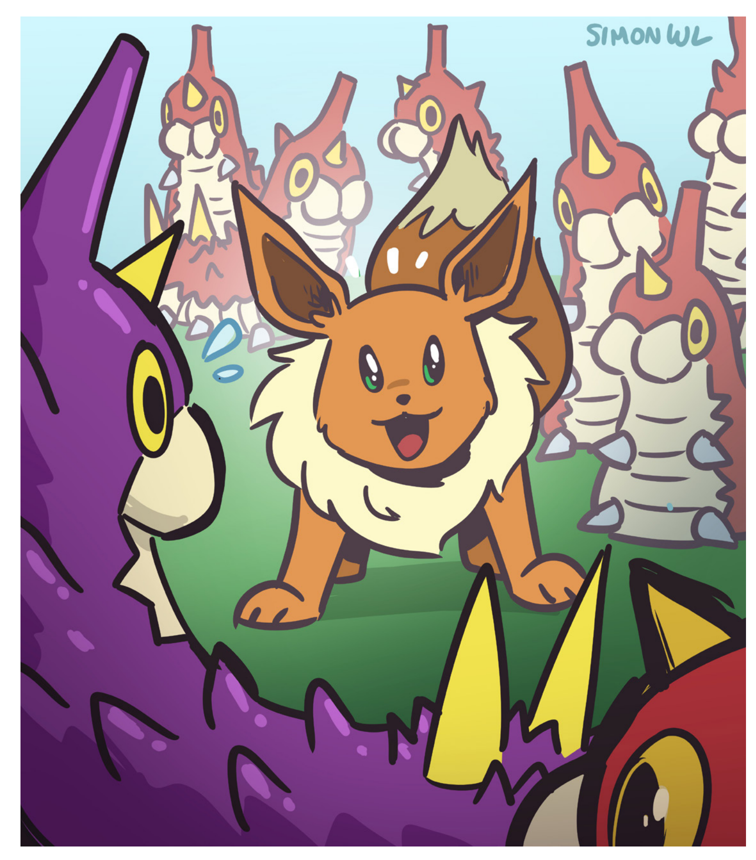

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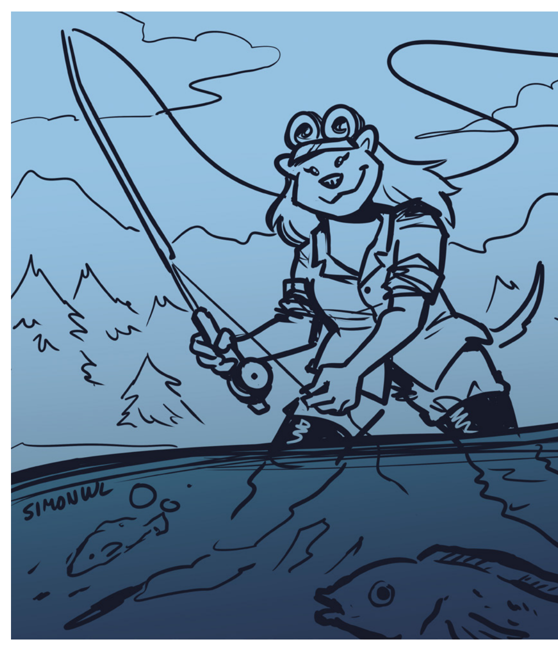








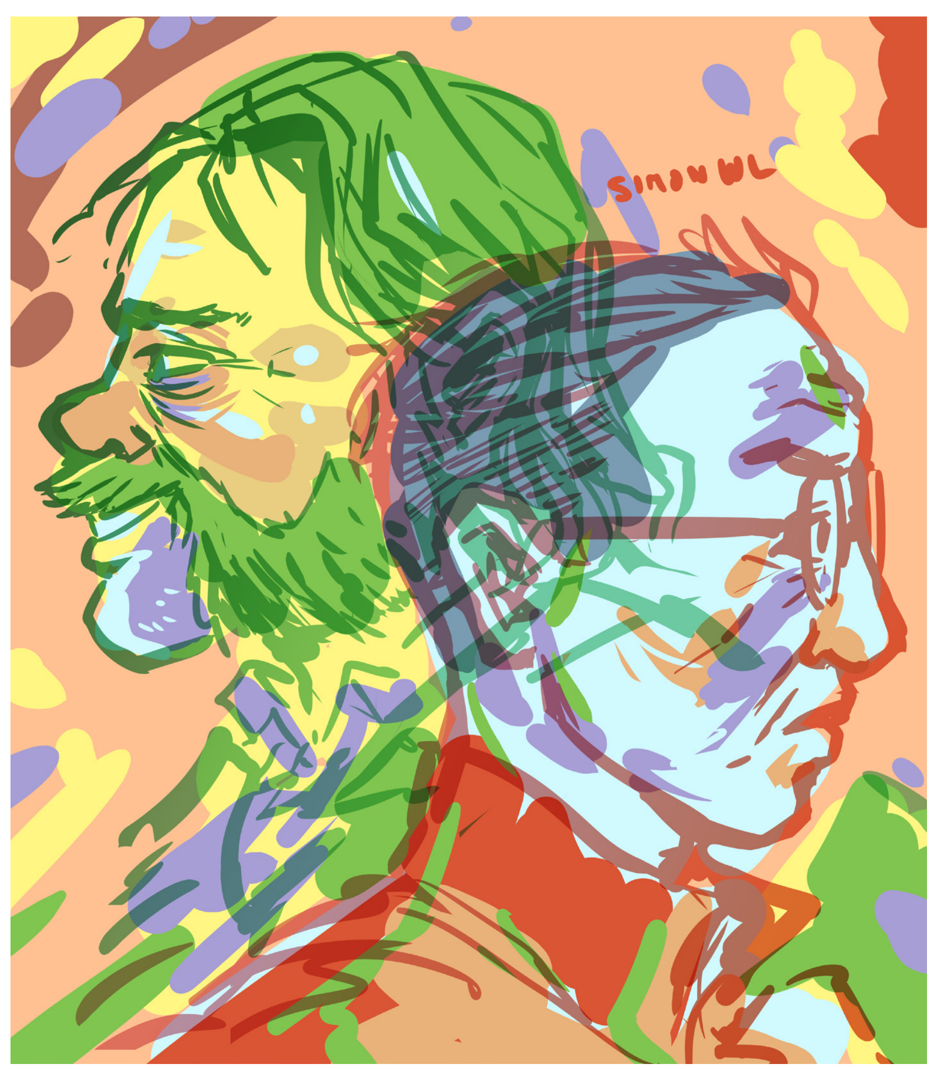


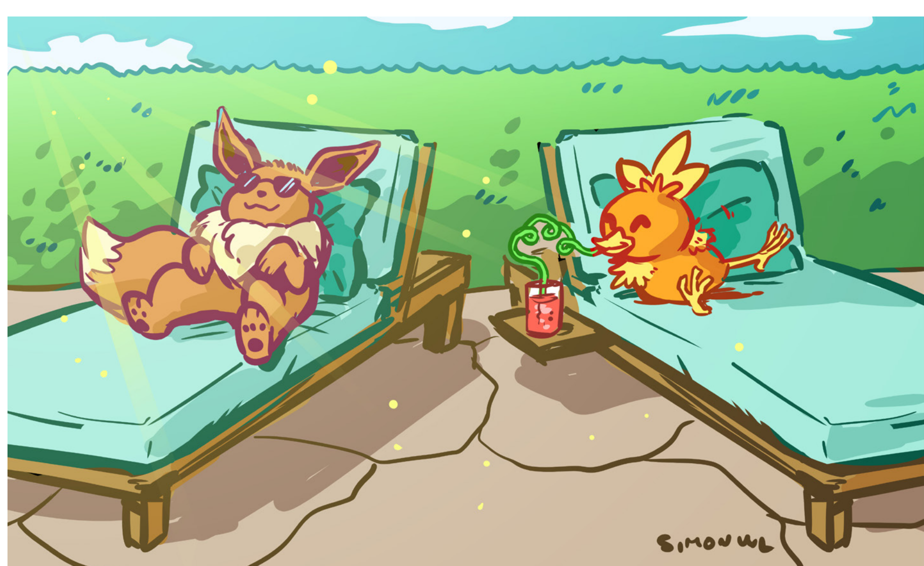






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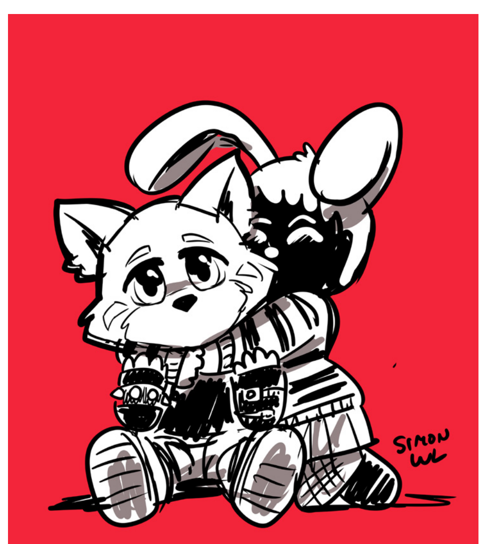
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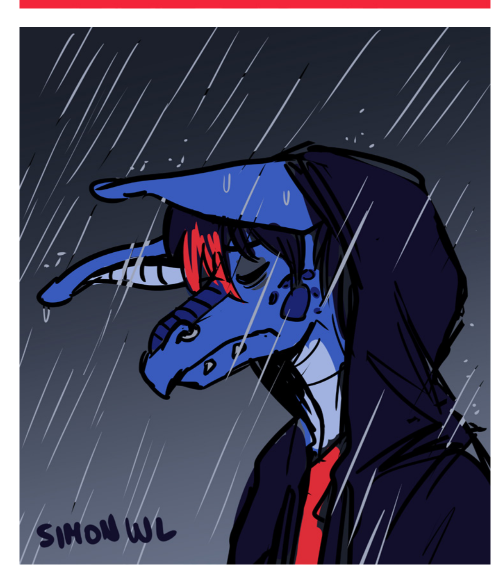







CAUTION KEEP OUT
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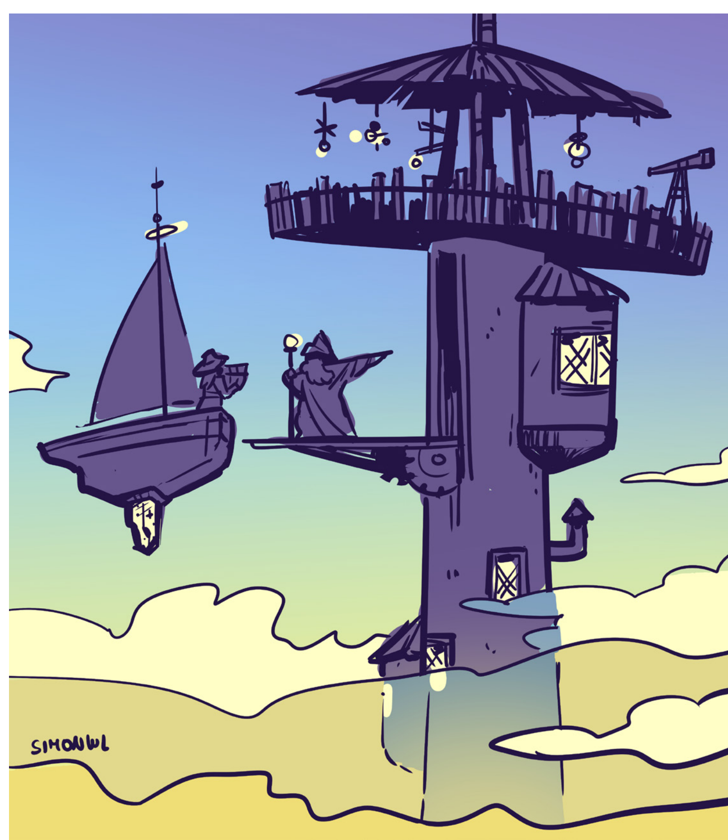

May 2021


Hey, uh... I just burned the new MCR on a CD, if you wanna listen...?
SIMON WL


CHEER UP, EMO KID!
TRANS RIGHTS
SIMON WL


SIMON WL
RAWR









June 2021

I didn't know Dodger could play the guitar.

He can't.

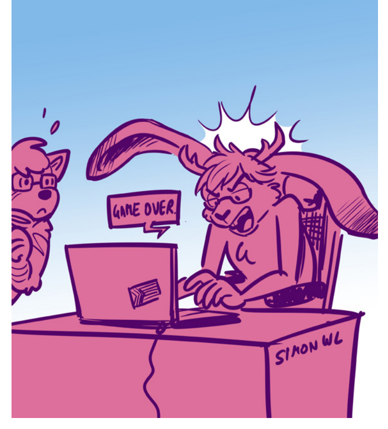
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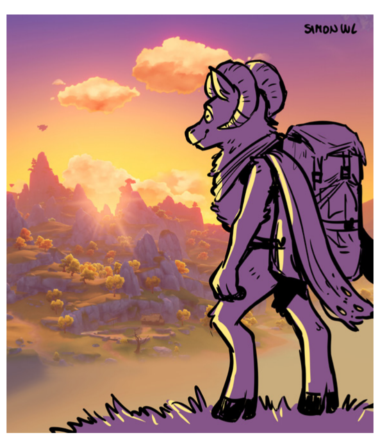
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August 2021









J PEG
SIMONWL
Read Weird Dogs


PIZZA DRAGON
?
HOTEL
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HEY!
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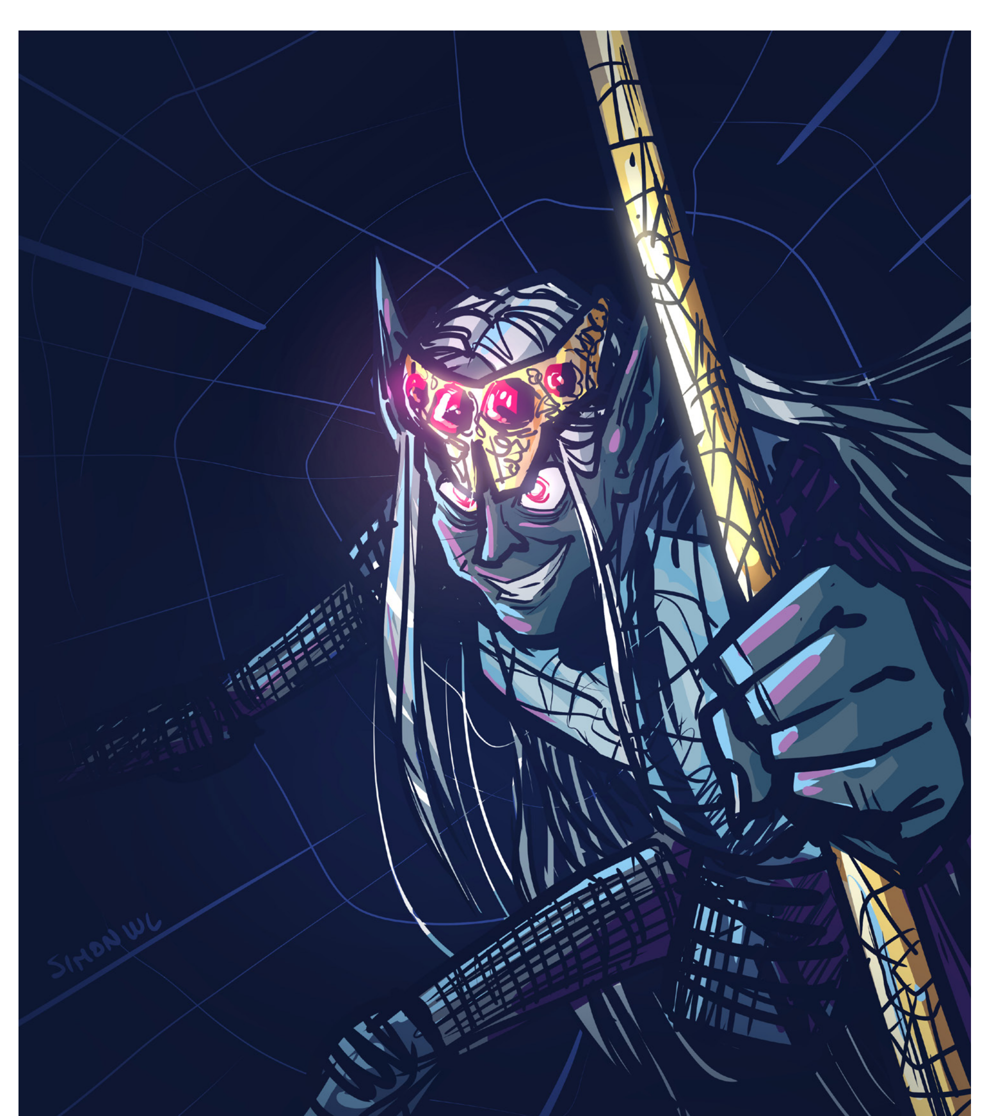


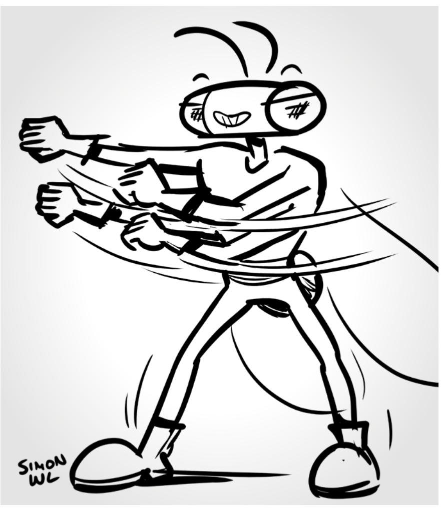
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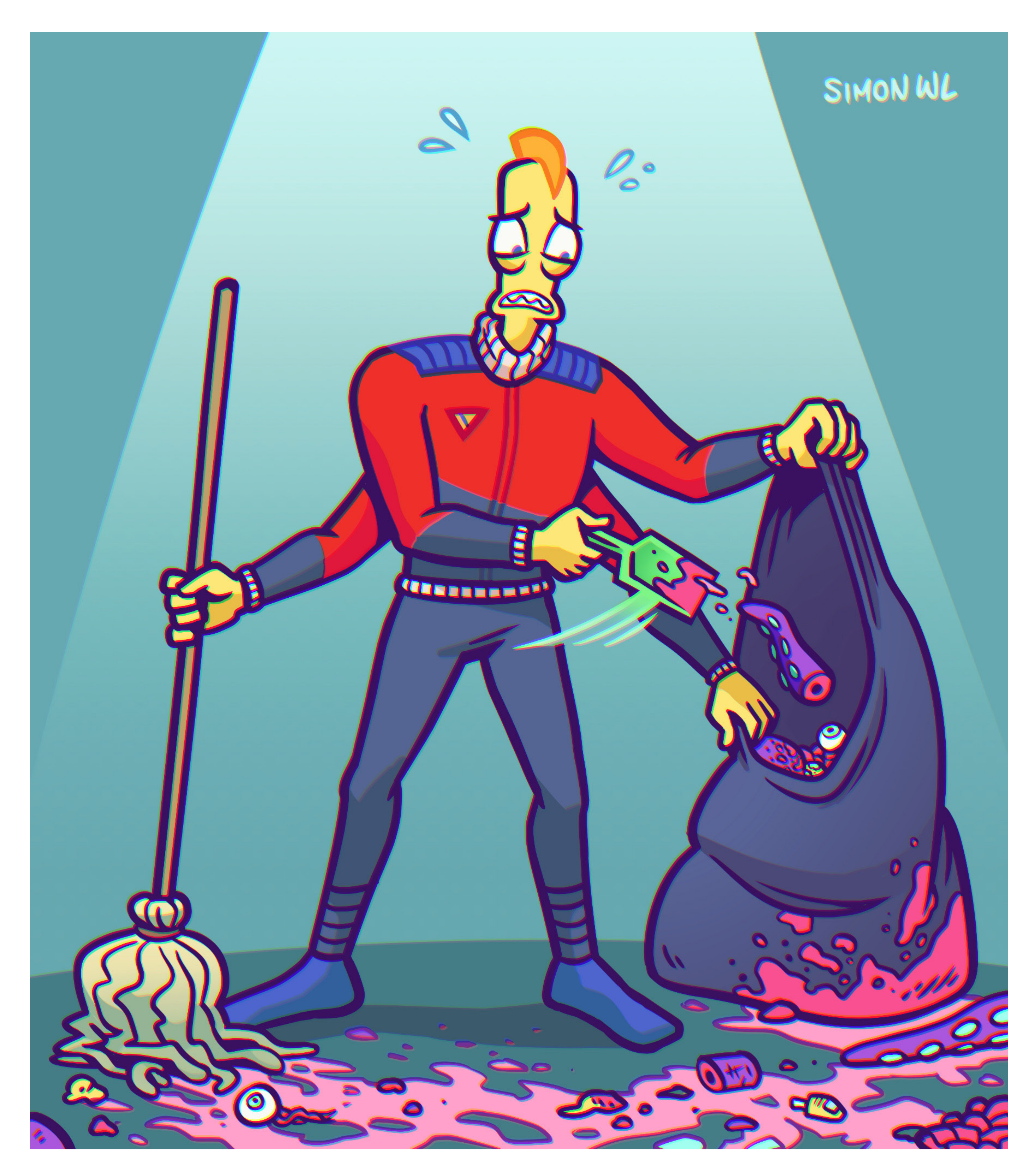

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In 2021, I got to draw A LOT of stuff at work.

I also did a bunch of commission work.

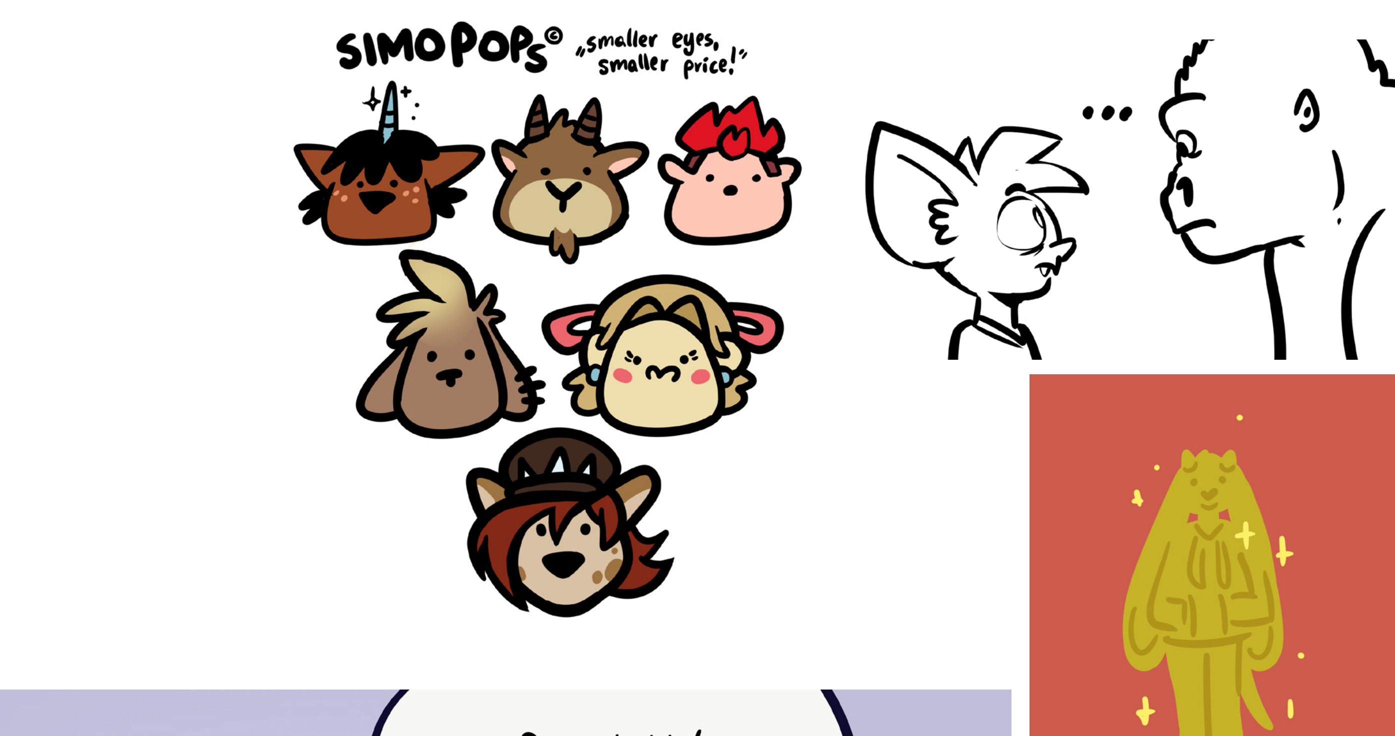
Compiling the art book I honestly was surprised at just how much it all ended up being.

COMMISSIONS & GIFT ART



March, July & November 2021

Gifts for Pixie Press, Macxidy, SKETCH, BAM & Nita



Remarkable!
It appears I've discovered a creature that seems to be neither human nor beast!

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Top: December 2021, Commission for Bowie

Left: December 2021, Art Trade with Jake

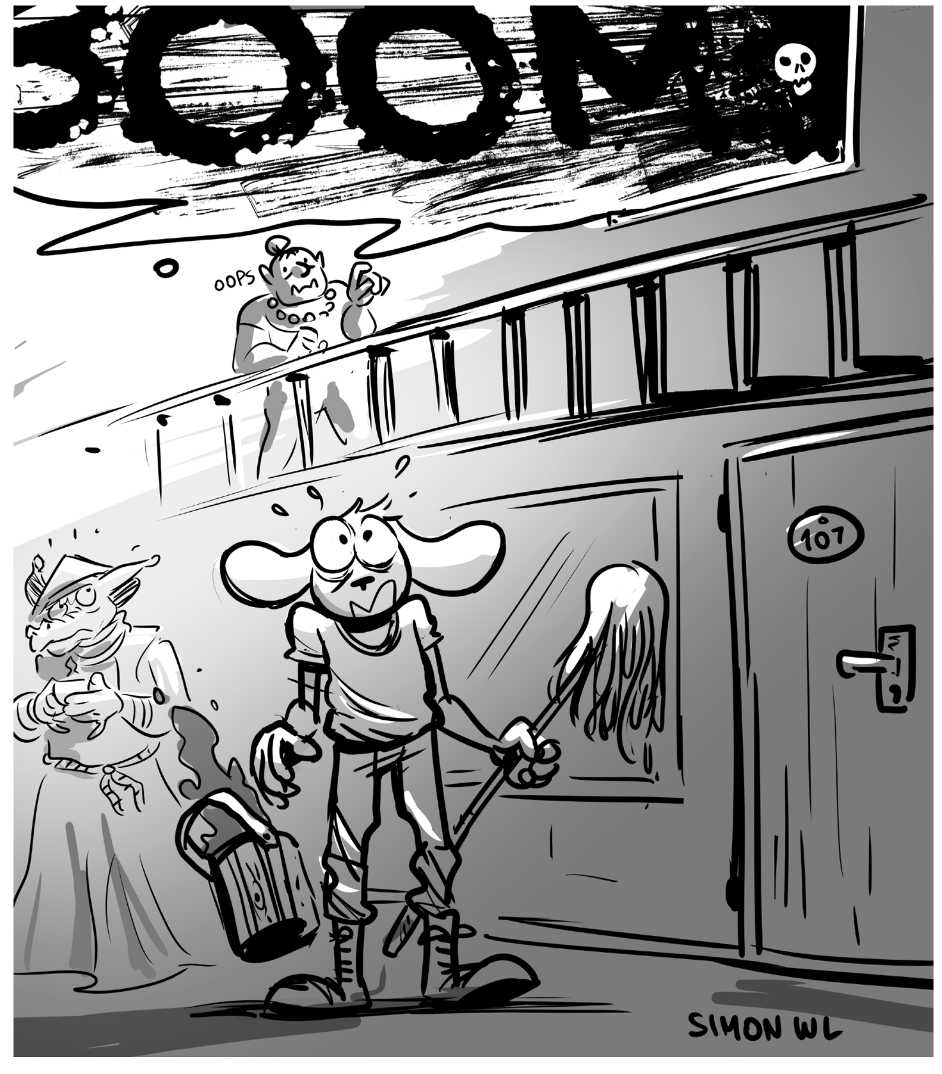
Right: September 2021, Contest Prize for JunkyardLurker

August 2021

Lots of inside jokes that were printed on tattoo paper as part of a farewell gift for a coworker.



February 2021

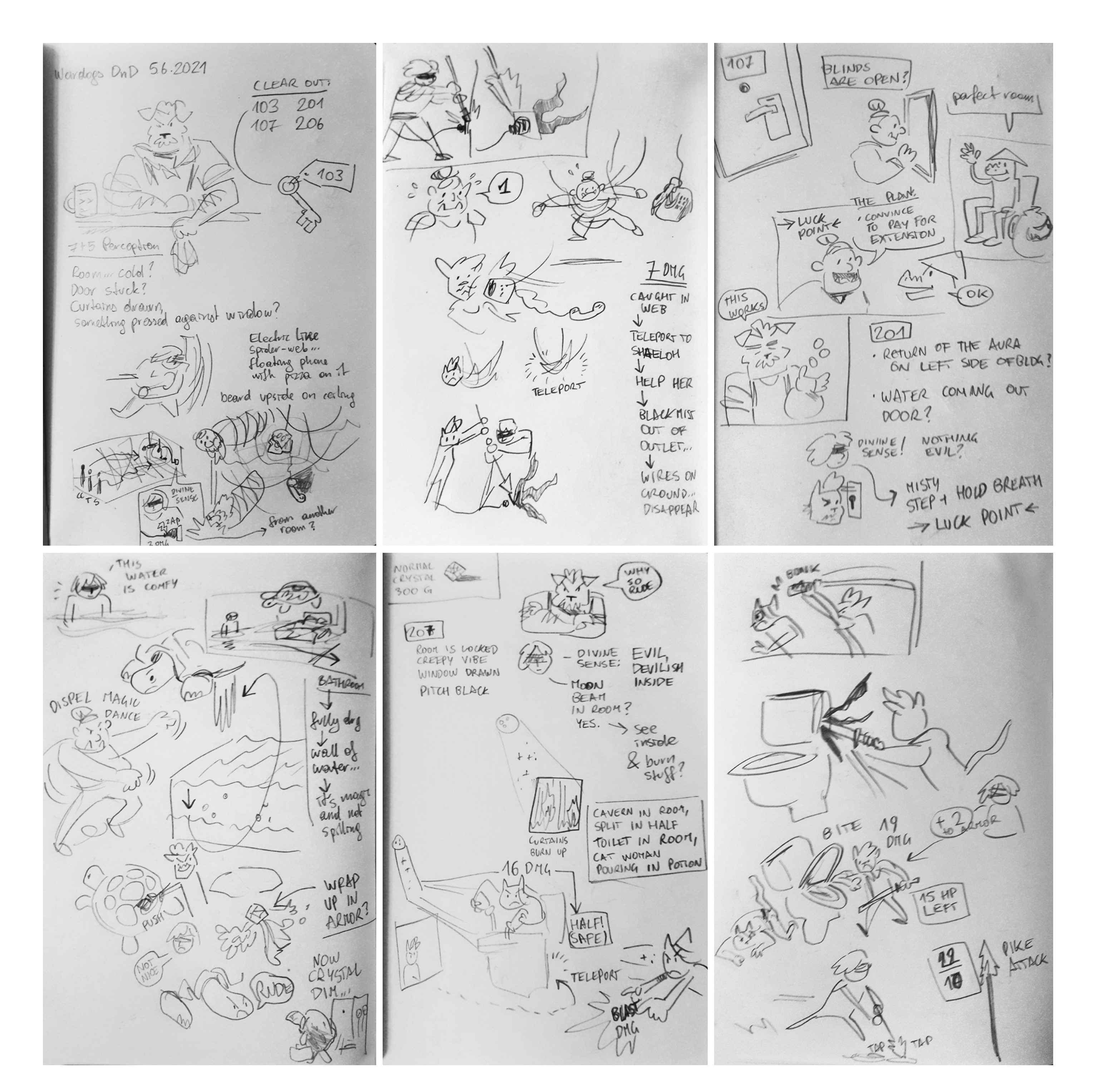




June 2021

My friend Jake ran a Weirdogs-themed DnD session in the Weirdogs Discord.

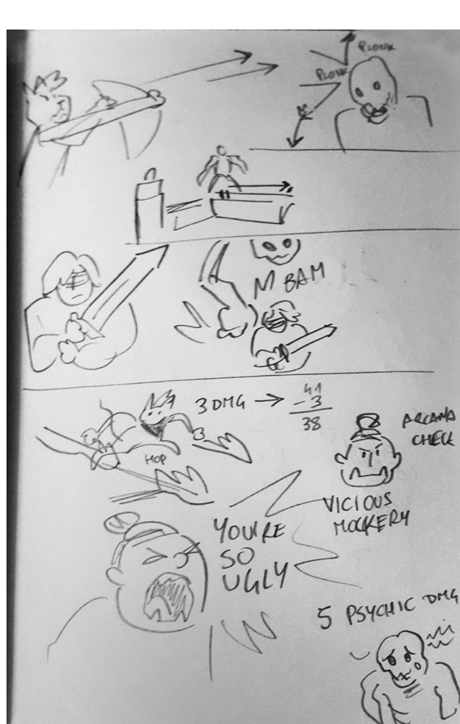
I illustrated two scenes from it, and did super rough sketches while playing (which can be seen on the following two pages).

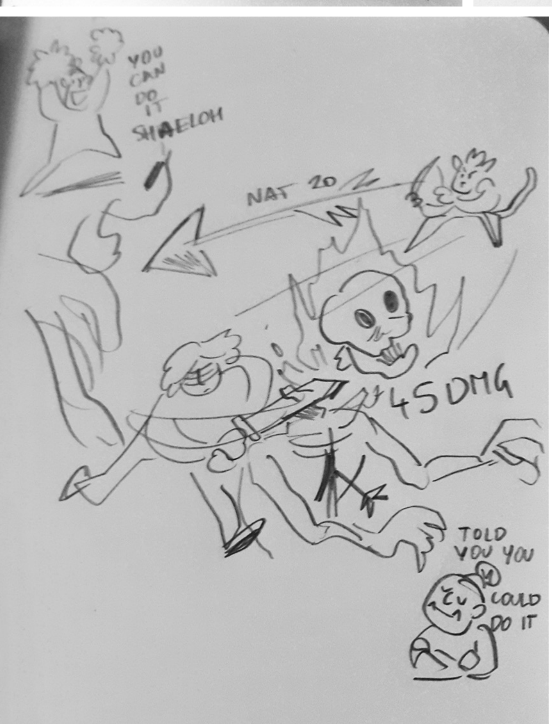


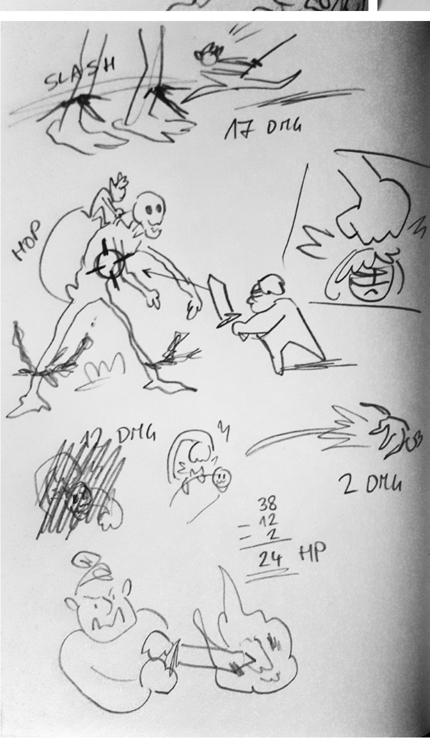
Wardogs DnD 5.6.2021
CLEAR OUT:
103 201
107 206
103
Perception
Room... cold?
Door stuck?
Curtains drawn,
something pressed against window?
Electric LIKE spider-web...
floating phone with pizza on it
beard upside on ceiling
DIVINE SENSE
ZAP
from another room?
1
7 DMG
CAUGHT IN WEB
TELEPORT TO SHAELOH
HELP HER
BLACK MIST OUT OF OUTLET...
WIRES ON GROUND... DISAPPEAR
TELEPORT
107
BLINDS ARE OPEN?
perfect room
THE PLAN:
LUCK POINT
CONVINCE TO PAY FOR EXTENSION
OK
THIS WORKS
201
RETURN OF THE AURA ON LEFT SIDE OF BLDG?
WATER COMING OUT DOOR?
DIVINE SENSE!
NOTHING EVIL?
MISTY STEP + HOLD BREATH
LUCK POINT
THIS WATER IS COMFY
BATHROOM
fully dry
wall of water...
It's magic and not spilling
DISPEL MAGIC DANCE
PUSH
NOT NICE
RUDE
WRAP UP IN ARMOR?
NOW CRYSTAL DIM...
NORMAL CRYSTAL 300 G
WHY SO RUDE
207
ROOM IS LOCKED
CREEPY VIBE
WINDOW DRAWN
PITCH BLACK
DIVINE SENSE:
EVIL, DEVILISH INSIDE
MOON BEAM IN ROOM?
YES.
see inside & burn stuff?
CURTAINS BURN UP
CAVERN IN ROOM, SPLIT IN HALF
TOILET IN ROOM,
CAT WOMAN POURING IN POTION
16 DMG
HALF! (SAFE)
TELEPORT
BLAST DMG
BONK
BITE 19 DMG
+2 to ARMOR
15 HP LEFT
PIKE ATTACK


MISS PEARL?
DON'T STAB ME
OK BYE


PEOPLE DIE ALL THE TIME
CRAPPY COFFEE REVIVES HP.
ASH.
BOSS TIME
TOP OF HOTEL


PLONK
PLONK
BAM
3 DMG → 41 -3 38
HOP
ARCANA CHECK
VICIOUS MOCKERY
YOU'RE SO UGLY
5 PSYCHIC DMG


YOU CAN DO IT SHAELOH
NAT 20
45 DMG
TOLD YOU YOU COULD DO IT


SLASH
17 DMG
HOP
12 DMG
2 DMG
38 -12 -2 24 HP



September 2021

"Draw This in Your Style" for Nita



December 2021

Secret Santa for Twarda


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Secret Santa for Nita









September 2021

Contest Prizes for Dan Variano, Beezy and Apooyo



September 2021

Contest Prize for Hunter

May 2021

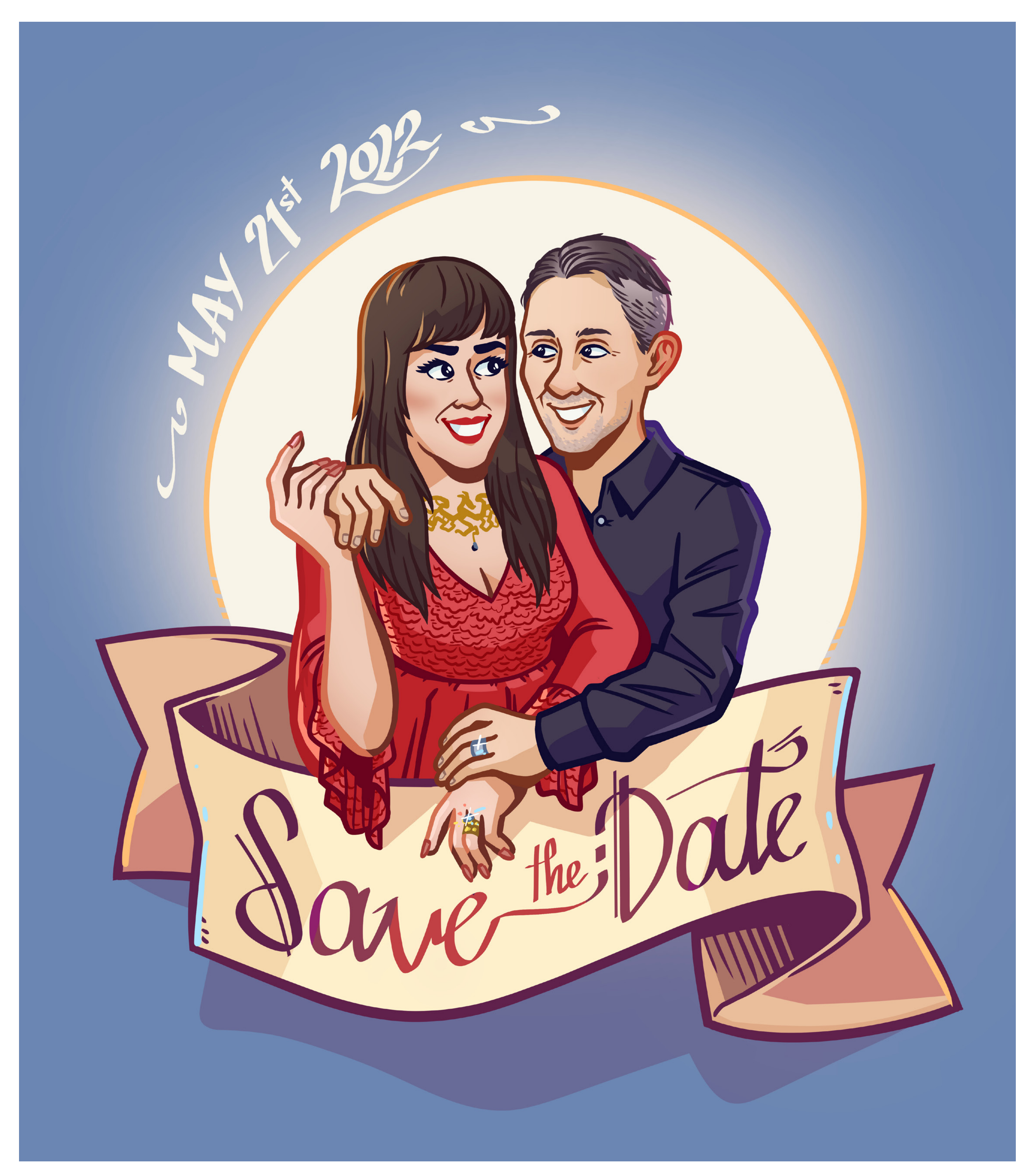
September 2021

CMM – Jürgen's Journeys



October 2021

Messenger Sticker Commission



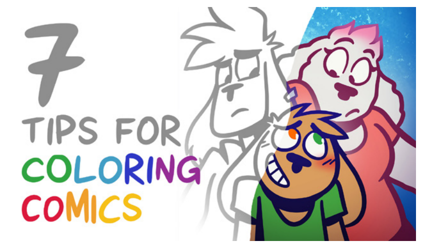
December 2021





June 2021









May 2021

I made a bunch of tutorials for Clip Studio Paint this year.
If you're interested, just click the the thumbnails to watch/read them!

January 2021

Commission for LuckyRay



Gift for Macxidy

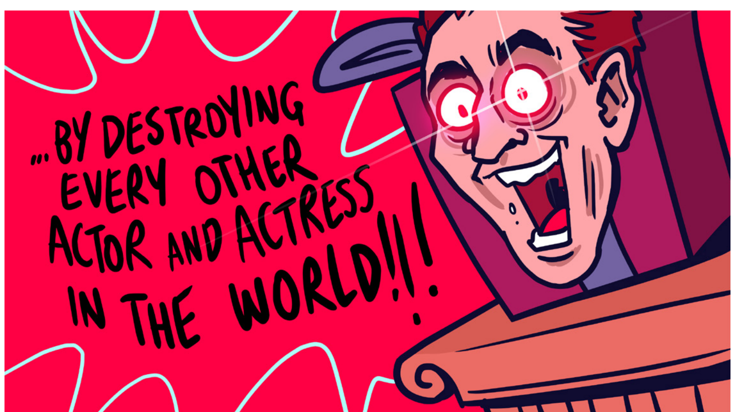
October 2021

My set of panels for a collaborative comic I participated in on a Discord server!





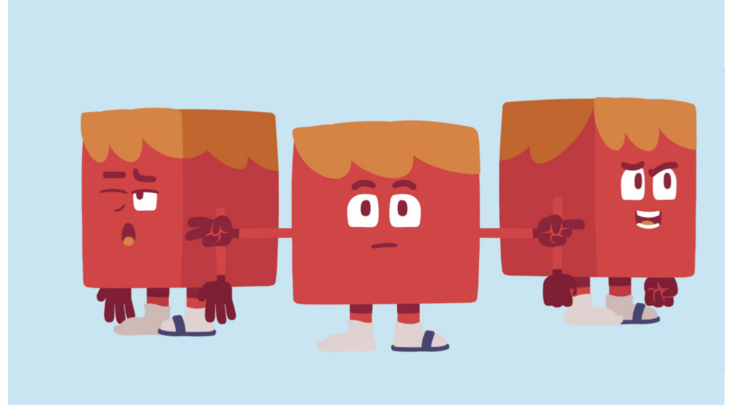




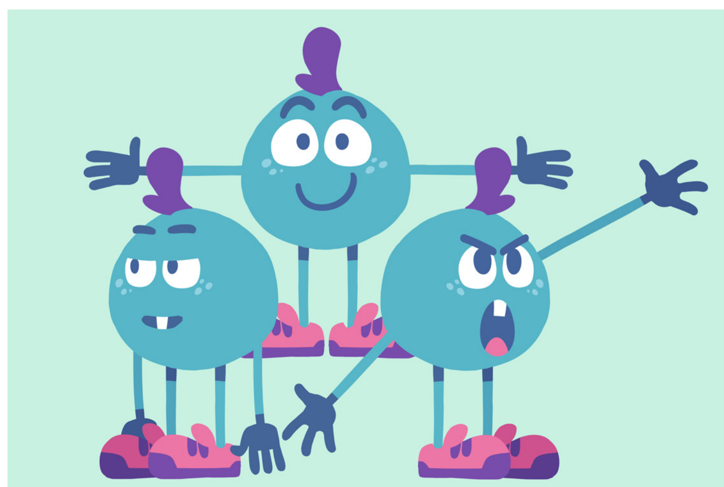












July – December 2021

In an extremely foolish move, I let a character design commission turn into a, uh, character rigging commission because I'm terrible at saying no.

I'd never made a character rig before or used Adobe Character Animator. The end result is cool, I guess, but I utterly hated large parts of the process.





April 2021

Rangy held a call for short NonPack animations to promote a Kickstarter campaign for the printing of the first graphic novel in the series. This is what I made.



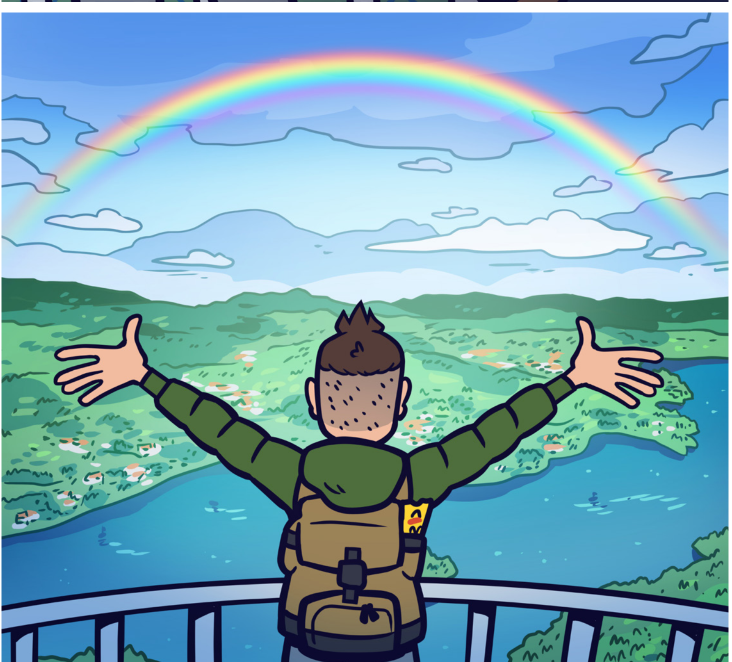
Work assignment. Throughout all of 2021, I ended up doing illustrations for a weekly story posted to one of our customer's social media pages. It even got a nomination from Green Panther, a styrian marketing & design prize.


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SALANETTIS-FAN
LANDSCHAFT ODER WAHRZEICHEN


SALANETTIS
SALANETTIS-VORRAT
TEIL 2


SALANETTIS






ROHWURST
SALANETTIS
SNIX


JETZT NEU!
Puten
SALANETTIS




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SALANETTIS
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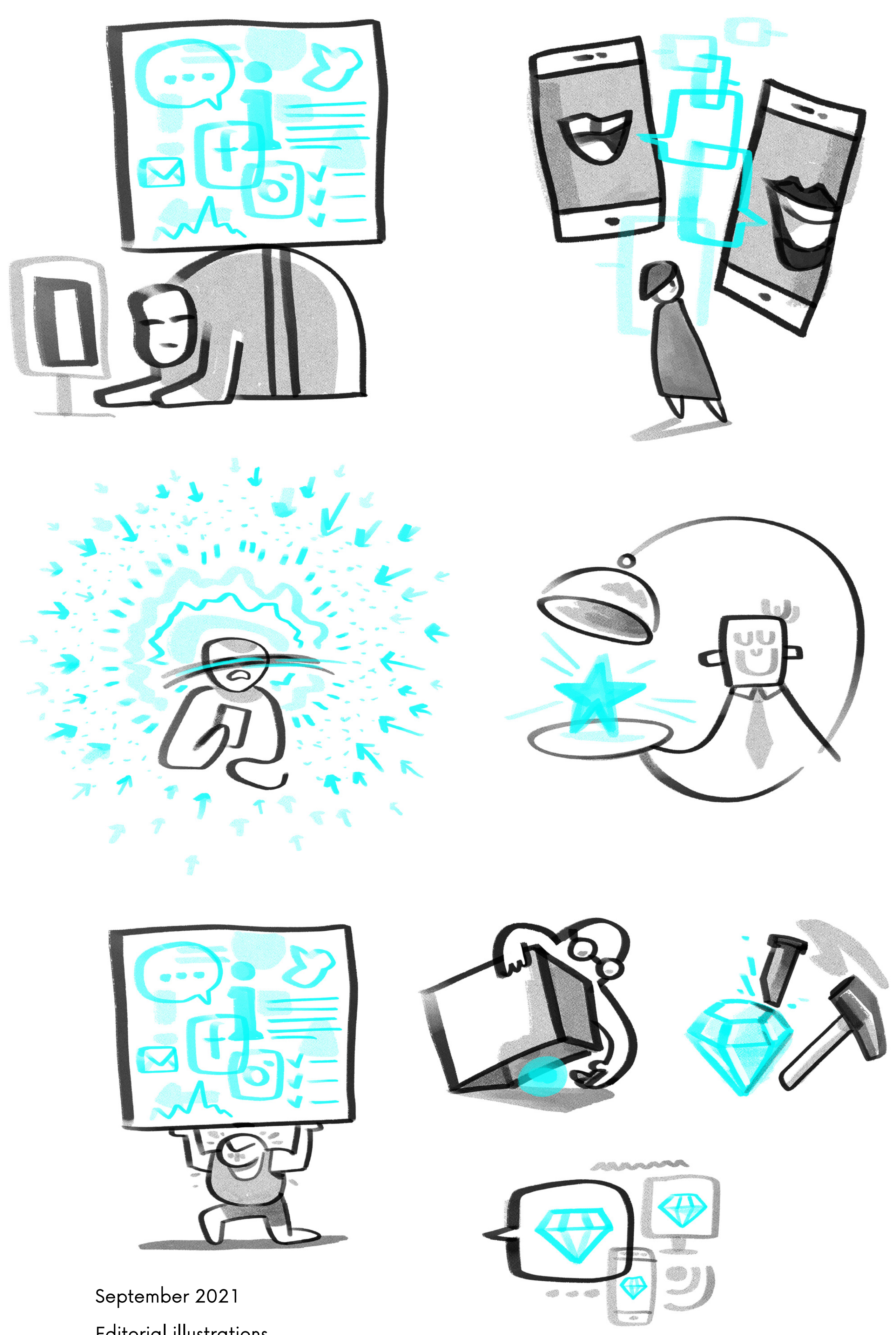


Work assignment.

I was able to do a bunch of illustrations for experiments that were featured in a children's school magazine.

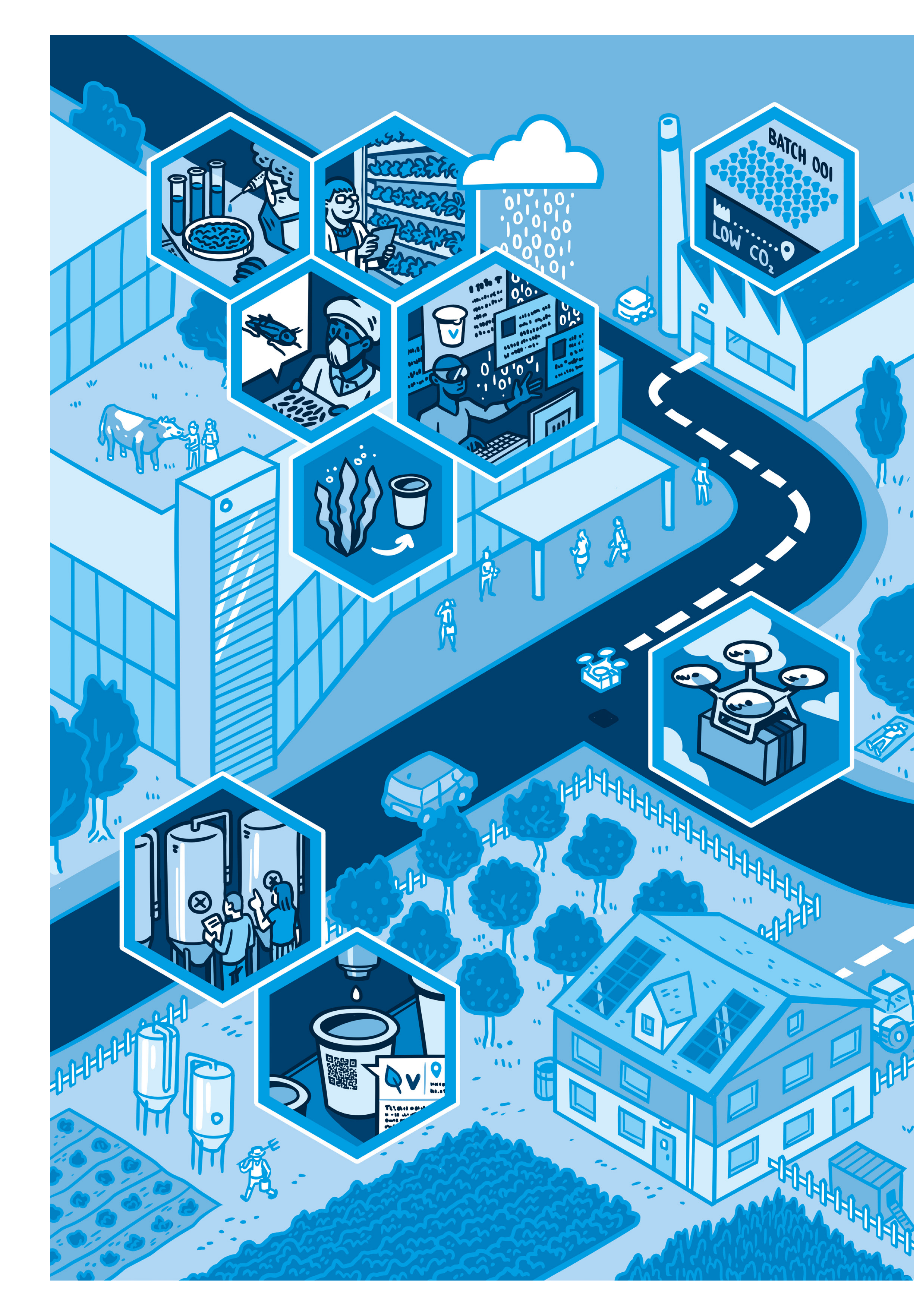
I did a lot of these in the past and it was great to return to the character again after a few years.


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September 2021

Editorial illustrations.
Work assignment.


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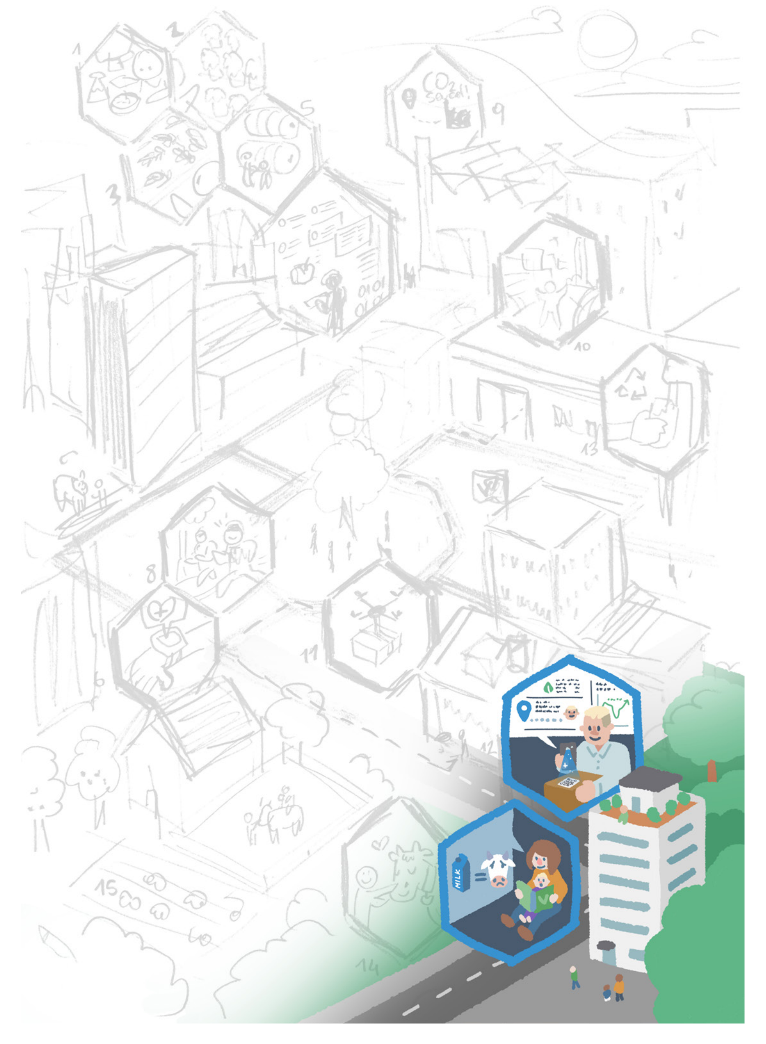

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Big work assignment.

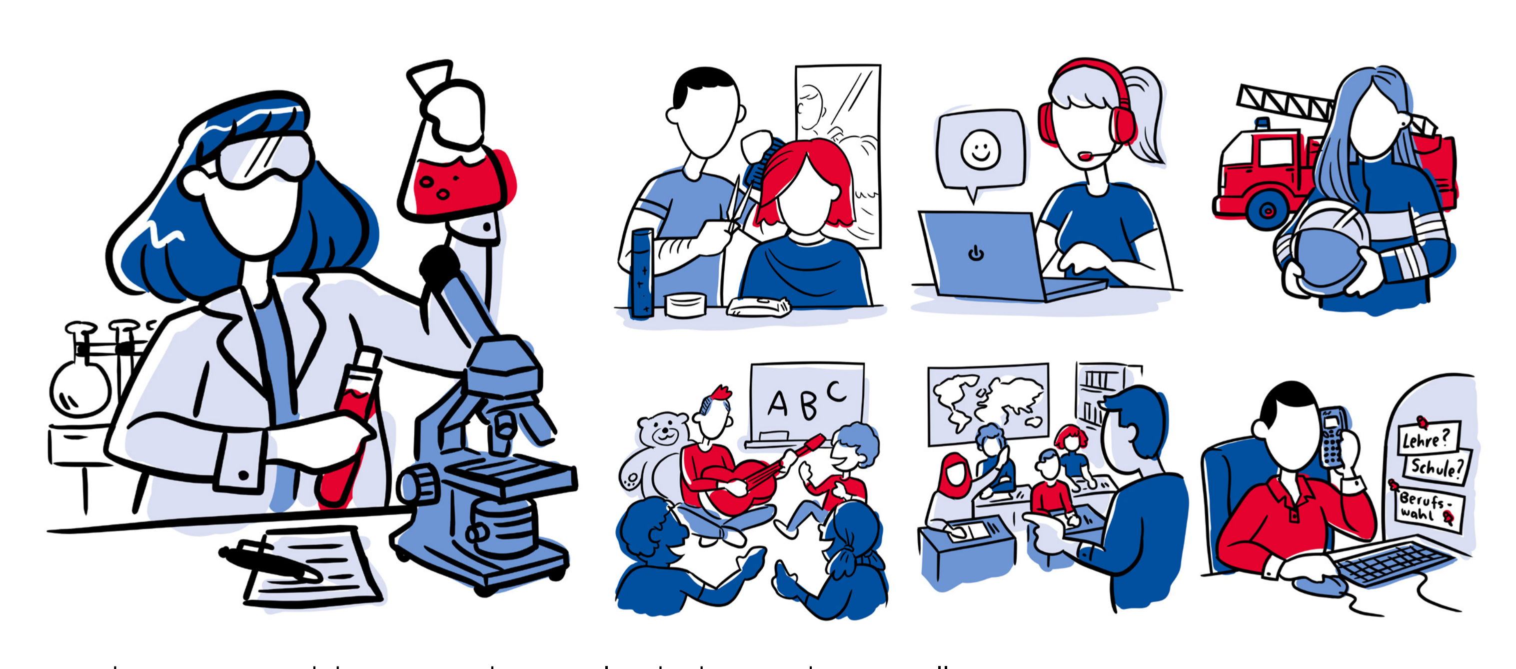
Honestly very proud of this one.

On the right, you'll see the inital sketch, featuring an alternative style test.

Up above, a later sketch.



Editorial illustrations. Work assignment.



Work assignment. I didn't suggest the art style, I had to match existing illustrations.

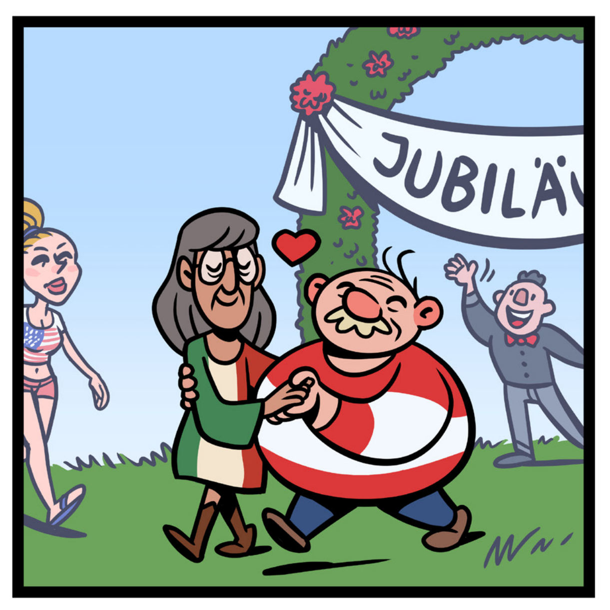
Did I use the opportunity to give the scientist character Mikay's hair? Yes.

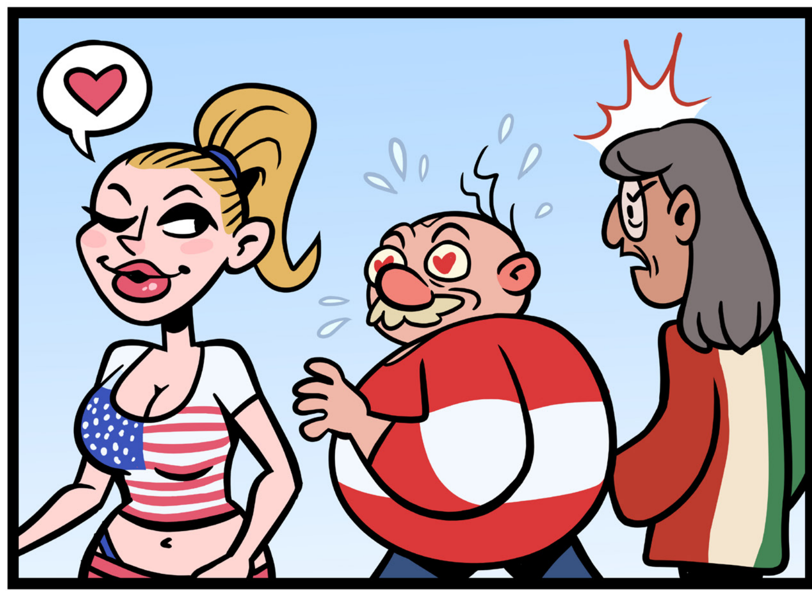
Editorial illustrations.
Work assignment.

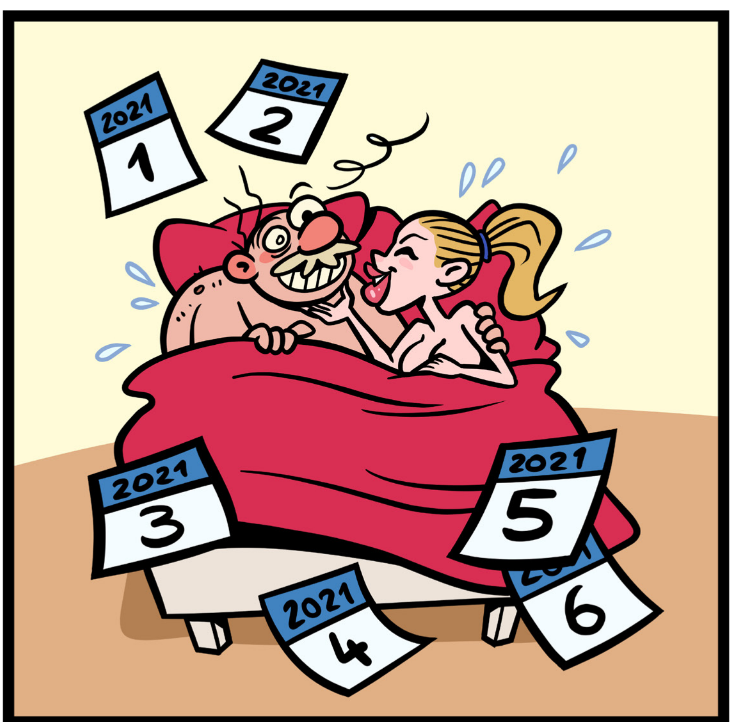
Some of these are earlier versions that the customer wanted changes on.
I prefer these versions and it's my art book.

So, suck it, customer.

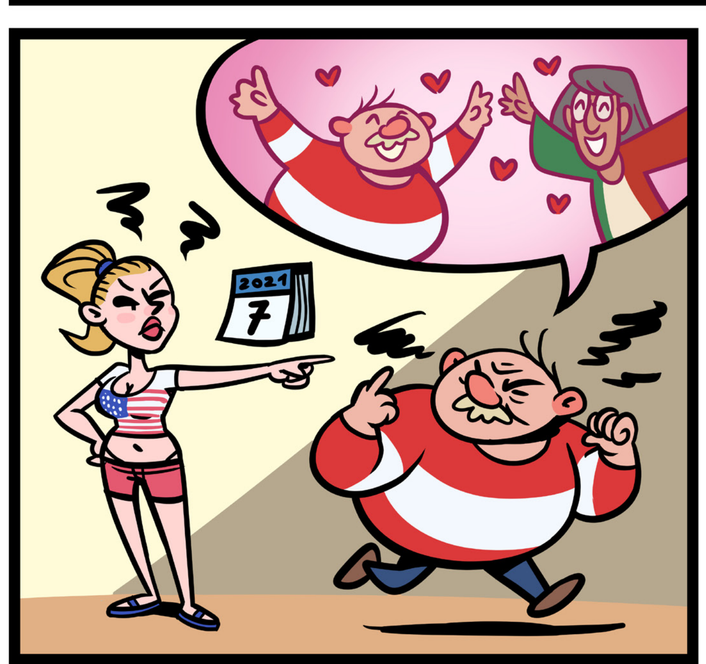


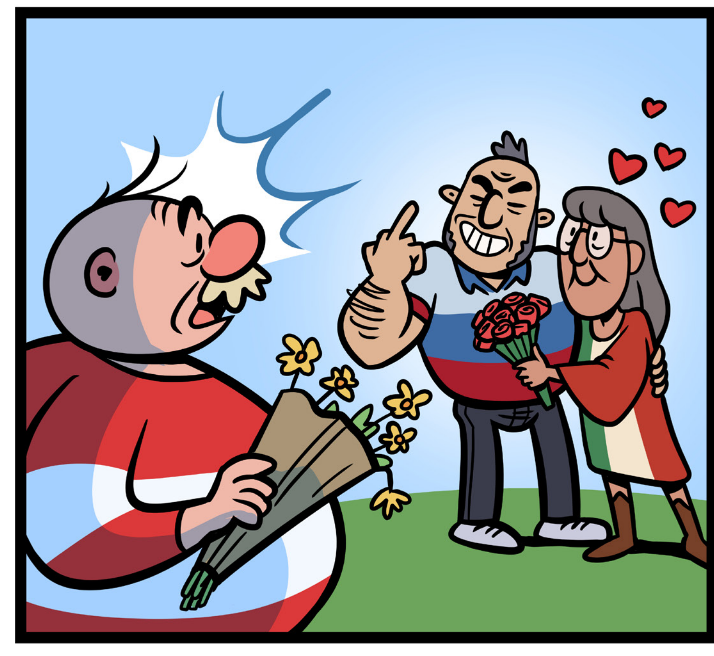












I had to draw this at work and I don't think I've ever hated anything I've drawn more in my entire life.
It's some nonsense allegory about the timber industry. Knowing the context doesn't really make this any less bad.
Why did I include this in here? Maybe I just wanted to make you suffer like I did.





Work assignment.

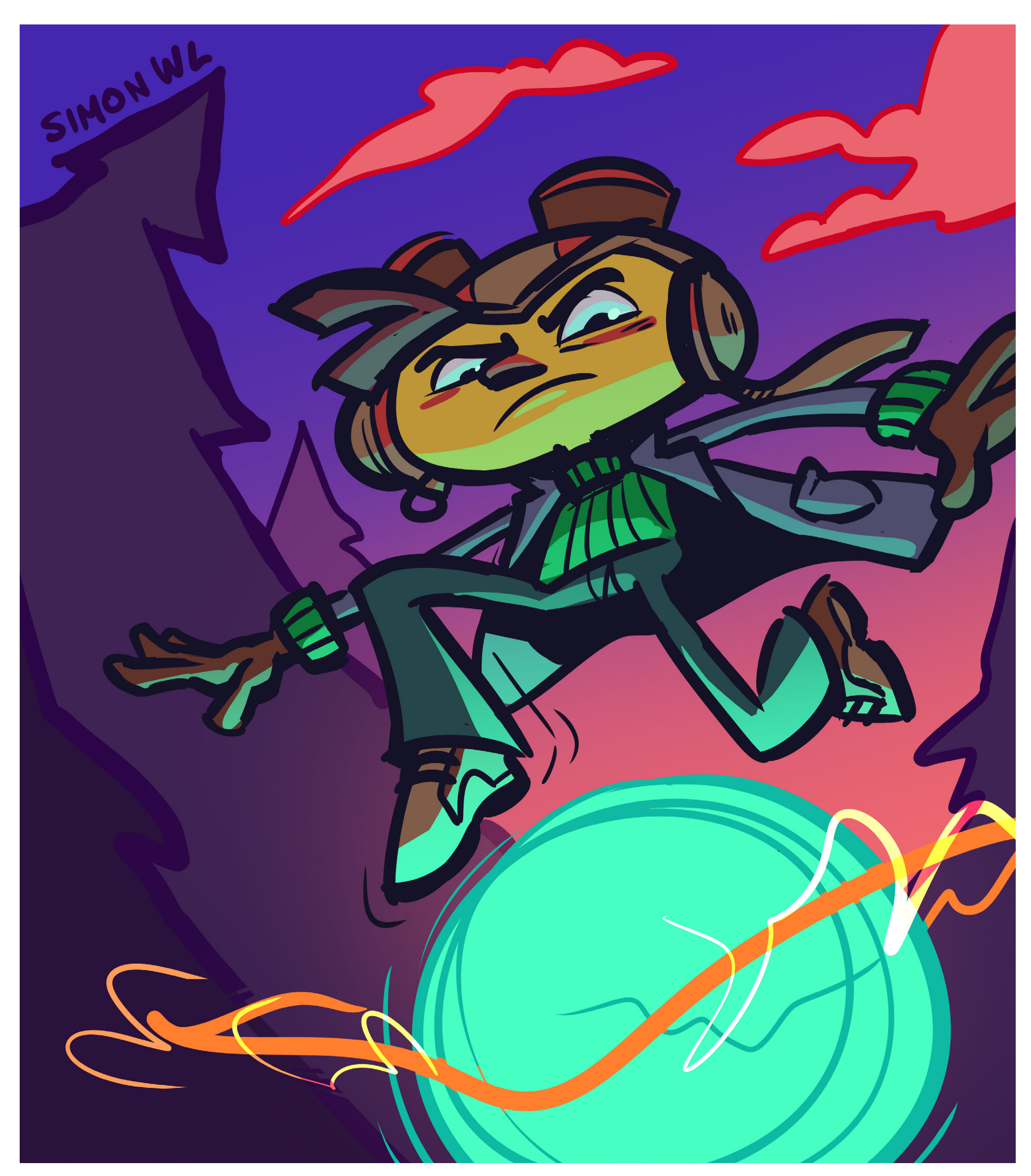
Yes, this was for a different customer than the OTHER experiment illustrations featuring a green bird. It's all the rage among kids these days, trust me.



I drew a lot less fanart in 2021 compared to the previous year.

I guess I must have just not been a fan of things.


FANART



September 2021

Psychonauts 2 is a good game.



October 2021

Starting to listen to a new podcast and then having it end once it managed to become your favorite podcast definitely matches the overall vibe of 2021. Anyway, Rock Paper Shotgun's "PC Gaming Weekspot" was awesome and the Mystery Steam Reviews were the highlight, and you should go watch them on YouTube.



October 2021

This is without a doubt the best thing I drew all year. Brand New Cherry Flavor is a good show.



July 2021

Game publisher StickyLock Games held a "design our mascot" contest!
I did win (haven't really seen them use it much though).

March 2021

Austrian gaming hardware company held a contest that was like "color in our logo"! I did not win.



September 2021

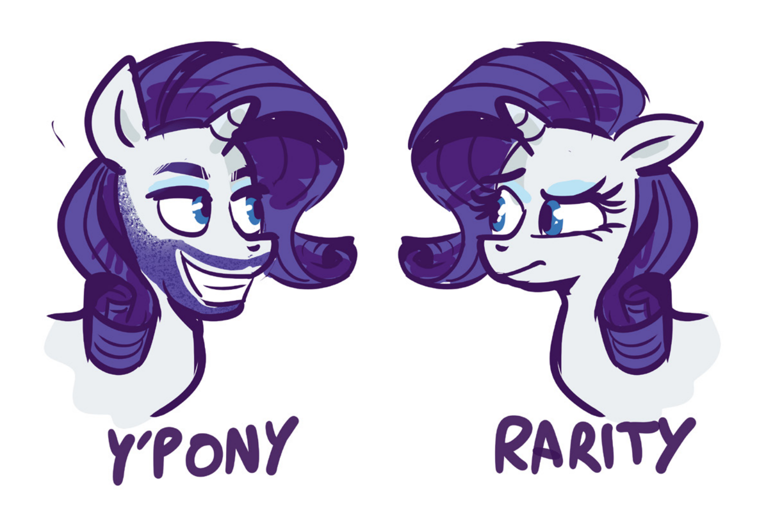
I love seeing people do alternative designs for characters and so I tried doing My Little Pony Friendship is Magic redesigns. The idea here was to approach the designs from the personality descriptions only and try and forget any existing visual elements. I also tried to draw them how I would have drawn pony characters without the influence of Lauren Faust's take on the series. I originally wanted to polish these up, but never did.

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You had prepared yourself for weirdness when Discord asked to meet him in one of his dreams and bring some Cheetos. But the Lord of Chaos himself, dreaming of something as mundane as getting Cheeto dust all over one of Rarity's most extravagant creations? That was a little too weird.

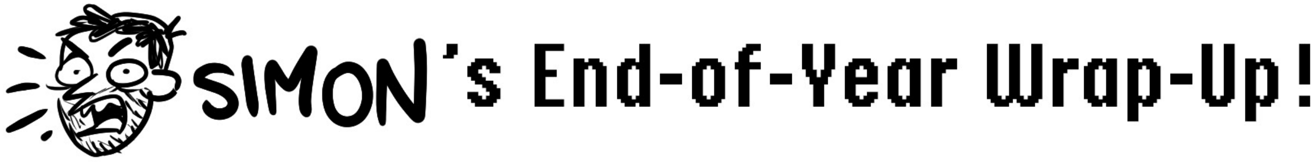
March 2021

I tried to give the "Draw A Date" art meme one more shot by making it about My Little Pony instead of Weirdogs, but it still didn't take off.



June 2021

I had a dream where the show was still airing and they introduced a new character to the show called "Y'Pony" that looked exactly like Rarity except with a beard. No, I don't know why my brain is like that either.



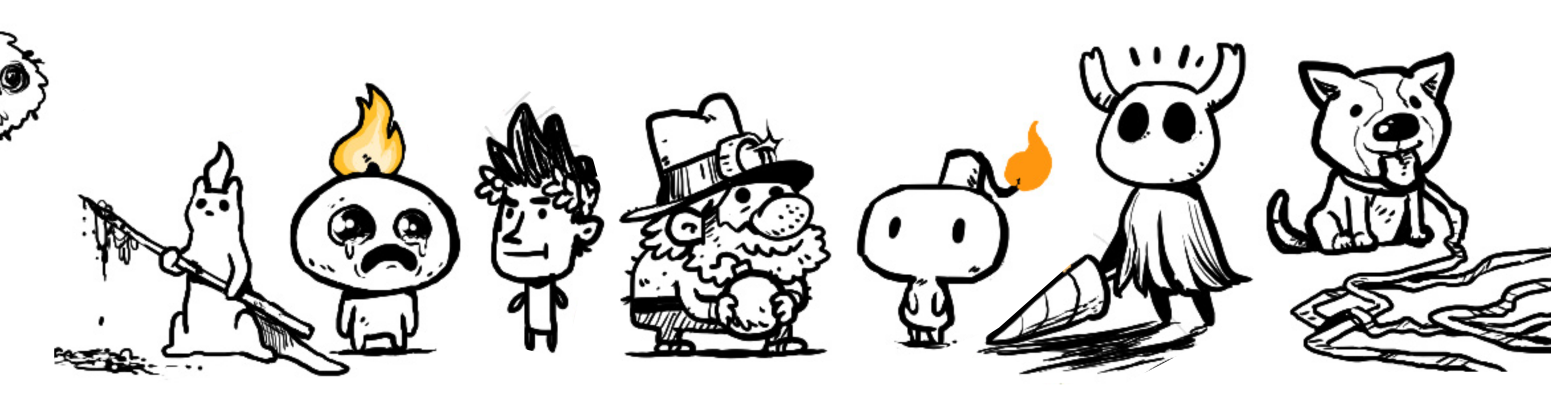
I enjoyed READING...
I enjoyed WATCHING...
I enjoyed PLAYING...
I enjoyed LISTENING TO...

THE DEVIL AND THE DARK WATER
BRAND NEW CHERRY FLAVOR
PSYCHONAUTS 2
BIG KILL
DUNGEON CRITTERS
MUSHI-SHI
INSCRYPTION
NATALIE BERGMAN
OVER THE GARDEN WALL
TONE OF THE UNKNOWN
DISTILLATORIA
THE MITCHELLS VS THE MACHINES
JEDI FALLEN ORDER
CAIN: CULTO

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December 2021

Another art meme that I hoped might take off, but only like two people bothered doing it.
Was fun to draw though.



January 2021

Some indie game doodles done in a drawing session with friends.

April 2021

An Austrian tech blog held a "come up with your own Monster Hunter Rise monster!" contest for a copy of the game and a Switch Lite.

I won. I played Monster Hunter Rise for like, maybe an hour. My wife has enjoyed Animal Crossing a bunch though, so that's been nice.



I ended up doing a lot of animations this year.

All of it just kinda small stuff, nothing major. But yeah.

Here's a link to go look at all of them in a single video.

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